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Sunday 13 January 1861 was cold and windy day wind from S. E. cloudy all day.

Last week was court week in Asheville Mr. G. W. Peake was here several days of last week and left on saturday for Tryon, /Dr Peak's (mtn) family were all well when he left home a week ago Mr Tidwell is in from Tusquitte where my aged Father now lives and says that my Father & family are all well my Father was borned on the 10 Jany 1767. Consequently he is now 94 years old.

The war; commenced in the part of Charleston South Carolina by the forces of South Carolina firing on the Federal Government vessel Star in the west, the Government Holds fort sumter in the port of Charleston and was sending reinforcements to that Fort, the fort is commanded by Magr Robert Anderson, and has force of sixty or seventy men, no demonstration against the fort so far as heard from, the firing on the vessel was from Morris Iland.

14th Monday, last night a little rain fell covering the earth with a sheet of ice about ¼ inch thick, constant drizzling all day, cold and

unpleasent.

15th Tuesday, Cloudy and warm at sundown the rain commenced and is now raining a regular summ shower. Roads are very muddy, my family are all well and no sickness in this section of county Messrs Tomas Morray & Jessa Jarret start to move to Georgia this day the news from Washington City is very unfavorable, and the pollicy of the present administration is now fully develloped, and we may now considder war inevitable and may prepare for the worst.

Jany 1861 on the ninth of this month the State of Mississippi passed her ordanance of Secession, and thus become one of the nations of the world.

South Carolina having passed her ordanance on the twentieth day of December 1860 and taking the lead in this matter of self Protection. God protect the right.

16th January 1861 was as pretty and clear a day as ever comes in the winter. The rain raised the water considerably the rivers being out in the road at the lower end of the Sandy Bottom and was bearly fordable along the road.

17th tolerable warm & cloudy all day with occasionally a little sun shine, hauled corn from I Cases on the mountain. I acted as magestrate in the marriage of Jack Kerkindol to Sarah I. Case, of Bent Creek, got home at night.

18th Rainin in the morning cleared off by noon warm, worked at manure & saw mill the several states of South Carolina, Florida, Alabama, & Mississippi have Seceded from the union. Red at sunset.

19th Cloudy and tolerable cold but not freezing, I went to Asheville and stayed all day talking of the State of the country strong Secession

feeling existing through all the country, sawed timber for head Block. Red at Sun set.

20th Sunday fair & warm Stayed all day with my family in the House.

21st Disagreable Mr. B. Tidwell went to Asheville & stayed all night at the hotel.

22 came home and started to Cherekee county, payed him $919.75, on my land debt.

23rd Snowing in the morning and snowed all day snowed about 4 inches deep at sun down the snow commenced melting and melted all night.

24th Cloudy and warm all day. Joe Parker went to Asheville for the news papers, the Government is now odly not disturbing the States that are Seceeding or withdrawing from the federal compact of states. Thawing all day.

25th Mail broat no news more than Stated in yesterdays Journal cloudy with occasional sun shine thawing all day, snow getting off the road, and South Sides. Mr. G. W. Candler was at my house hunting the news, declairs he & his three Sons will meet the enemy at the threshhold. We will see what we will see.

26th Rained a good part of the last night at five o'clock the snow pretty well all gone but a new supply commenced falling and continued to fall as fast as it ever falls I reckon until about 9 o'clock, when it stoped. I started and went to James Smith sixpence sale he is selling off his household goods and will now be driven about like a stray dog.

27th Sunday cold in the morning fair and warm and as pretty as ever shown, snow melting and now mostly gone on the South Sides of the hill the snow not broken on the mountains My family are all well. Oscer Willis

spent part of the day here.

28th Jany Monday, fair & warm snow melting all are well.

29th Mr. Corn worked in sheep pen. Tenny set fire in brick kiln. Went to Asheville, fair & warm. Road almost impasable.

30th went to Sandy Bottom & found all well. Fair wind from N it a little cold.

31st Was at Brick Kiln with my wife & son Pinckney. Fair & warm.

Febry 1st Mail came, no news of any importance cloudy wind from E. Commenced raining at 10 o'clock and rained on regular, snow pretty well all off the earth on all the South Sides plenty of snow in the mountain. Quit the Brick. Killed 6 hogs & let Lindsay have half of one. Mr Morgan called today.

2nd Creek up two feet higher than when the Dam Broke rained until noon.

3rd Sunday Creek falling a little Revnd. Reynolds preached in Sulpher Springs Academy. Cloudy & warm. Reynold took dinner with my family.

4th The water up so as to prevent grinding until noon. I went to Asheville to a union meeting. Mr. Montraville Patton was nominated for the union candidate in a State convention on Federal Relation.

5th I went to Asheville and got writs fr C. C. Tenny who is now in my Sulpher Springs Hotel. Fair & warm.

6th Went to Stephen Jones, & G. W. Jones, came by Thos. Morris gave Tenny written notice to leave my house & property. Fair & warm.

7th Waited until noon for C. Moore to come to see me according to his appointment. Windy & fair.

8th Visit the large still. Fair & warm. No news from Government of any consequence.

9th Saturday went to Asheville. Ameeting of States Rights men nominated N. W. Woodfin to Represent Buncombe in a States Convention. Mr. James W. Patton looks feeble. Mr. Chapman made one of the most effective speaches I ever heard on the Northern aggression.

10th Sunday Rained in morning Mr. Morgan & F. Sluder staid all night with me. Wrote to Mary Deaver to R. B. Prather, Woodfin & Henry & Mark Erwin.

April 22 1865 (see also April 23, 1865 in text.)

May 5th Friday our baby not yet named was born on Saturday morning half past five, the twenty second (22) of April 1865. May a merciful God protect its father & mother & their little children through all their troubles and dangers, and may they we all be happy in this world as we once were, yes, my life with my dear husband has been very happy and if we never meet on earth he will still be mine in Heaven Father of Mercy protect him I pray.

Monday 26th September 1864 W. Henry began this journal over three years ago war has desolated our happy land sadly since then. I do hope the glad tiding of peace will soon smile on our bleeding country, "how long Oh! Lord how long" is the burthen of our praying.

I made Mr. Henry a flannel shirt to day. This has been a lovely day We have had so much rain of late a bright day is appreciated. The mail brought no news of importance.

Tuesday 27th I fixed some Willies flannels to day for Gus his bowels are some better. I knit in the evening. No news to day. Some rain.

Wednesday 28th Mr Henry went to town to day. Maj Roberts was mortally wounded yesterday by some bush-whackers. Our forces killed the

three that had a hand in it, but their lives does not compensate for such a man as Maj. Roberts. Jennie Henry's little daughter is very sick I want to go & see her soon. Mrs A. B. Jones spent the day here, she is a very pleasant lady, rained a little this evening. I wove a yard this morning & knit after Mrs Jones came. Elsie not here to day. Matt dying the thread for her dresses, I have a dress on it & some aprons for Zona, tis four of willow dye & one of white.

Thursday 29th Mr Henry off to town to day I intended going but it rained I have made Charlie a vest to day, a basket meeting begins at Hominy Camp ground tomorrow I do not expect to attend as I have no way of taking the children & I dislike to leave them so much I love them very dearly. When I go they all want to go, I stay with them tis more pleasure than to go and leave them Pinck & Zona are learning very fast.

Friday 30th September 1864 Mail brought little news. Maj. Roberts is dead. I spent the day in Asheville with Mollie Belle is very sick. Jennie is in town. Mr Henry went over to day he went before I did as he had some bussiness to attend to fair and warm today.

Saturday October 1st Mr Henry out about the cattle to day. Rain nearly all day. A bad time for preaching. I have read & knit all day some books Eliza Neilson loaned me.

Sunday 2nd Mr Henry went to preaching to day he said a large congregation but little excitment they wait till night for that. Matt & I and the children at home all day I read nearly all day. Rose went to church & I attended Gus he is very unwell to day his bowels loose again. Two of the cattle guard here for dinner Jennie got dinner. I forgot to say that the children books came in the mail last friday Zona a Dixie

primer & Pinck a Dixie Reader they are delighted with them. The Captains Bride came also I sent for them to Raleigh at least I wrote & they came in the mail. I received a letter from sister Frank yesterday they were all well I received one from Sister Matt last Monday. Dora is spending some time with Mr Powells relations.

Monday 3rd I moulded some candles & knit & read to day. Mr Henry went to preaching at Camp ground they broke up to night he is going to night again. Mr Robeers Joyce & Mr Larkin Reeves, two of the cattle guard went last night & they & Mr Shroat the other guard go to night. Two soldiers stay here to night, several stayed here last Saturday night & took off some fifty cattle.

Tuesday 4th Nearly 12 o'clock when Mr Henry came last night Matt & I sit up and waited for him Gus rested badly last night & Sunday night also his bowels are very loose he looks sick, a large worm came from him this morning. I must go down stairs and get out dinner and hear the childrens lessons as it is 9 o'clock.

Wednesday 5th October. I put in a quilt to day & got some quilted. I am reading a very interesting novel "Bertha Percey" tis very good. Elsie not here to day as her child is sick.

Saturday 8th Very cold to day high wind no frost yet I have done nothing but knit and sit by the fire all day. Mr Henry & Pinck went to town yesterday Pinck staid all night & he and Eliza Neilson came out to day got him just at dinner.

Sunday 9 Cloudy & windy last night so no frost. Mr Henry took the keys off in his pocket to Starnes so no dinner till nearly three o'clock, wind still blowing from the north.

Monday 10 A heavy frost this morning the first one we have had. I have knit and read to day "Bertha Persey" she was a good mother I wish I was as good as she was. Pinck went home with Eliza this evening & stays there to night. They have a tableaux in town tonight.

Tuesday 11th Some warmer to day. I spent the day in town. Bell is very sick I fear she will not recover. I pity Mollie her life is devoted to Bell. I took Zona behind me. Pinck & I came home this evening & zona. Mr Henry went to town after dinner he came home before we did. Betsy Jamison came here to day will spend several days I think a great deal of Betsy she is a good woman.

Friday 14th I had the head ache some when I came home tuesday it has pained me a good deal for two days but to day it will once again. I knit some & fixed a dress to day Matt & Betsey went to Ham Cannons to borrow a sley, they got one, we beamed the cloth this evening, & Matt & Betsy began to put it in. No news of importance this morning.

Saturday 15th Betsy not well this morning Matt & I finished the cloth before dinner she put it in the sley and got it started I fixed Gus a linsey dress this evening one of Willies old ones. I am reading a novel "Macarie" tis only tollerable Eliza liked it very much I am knitting Mr Henry a pair mits double cuff. Some body stole his gloves with plush tops I am sorry of it they were very nice gloves. Tis reported the Yanks are on their way to Asheville I hope tis a false rumor.

Sunday 15th October 1864 Mr Henry had tooth ache all night last night but better this morning. Betsey still here. She has got well. Preaching at the Acaddmy this evening her & Matt speak of going. Tom Glenn preaches. Betsey will go home this evening. Mr Henry & Jack Kerkendoll

gone off somewhere on the farm. This is a light beautiful day the children at play in back Piazza. I gave them some chestnuts a while ago they enjoy them. Pinck went to the tableau in town last Monday. He has a heap to tell about it to the children. Betsey and I went to the Academy to church this evening Tom Glenn preached Mr Henry came up after preaching to come home with me. Twas after sunset when we got here it was so kind in him to come after me.

Monday 17th I made Willie a pair pants & Gus an apron to day. Mr Henry in town nearly all day he ways Bell is no better. Mr Henry suffers a good deal every night with neuralgia in his face I can sympathise with him as I have had it once very badly.

Tuesday 18th I have knit and read to day reading "The Deserted Wife" tis very interesting I thought of going to see Bell to day but Mr Henry's teeth pain him so at night I will not go till they get better he is so kind to stay with me when I am unwell I will wait on him & try to get him well.

Saturday 22nd I went to town on wednesday & came back thursday evening. Mr Henry took Willie, Gus, & I. Rose walked to the bridge. We worked the Neilson horse to the buggy for the first time he seems to be gentle Hams came after me brought Zona so we had a buggy full of children. Rose rode behind, I sit up till two o'clock at Mollies wednesday night Bell is getting better. Eliza & I went up after supper Willie & Gus were both asleep. Rose carried Gus & Bill Willie. I had the headache all day thursday took a long nap at sisters, Janes. Mr Neilson came home wednesday night I had head ache all day friday but did not go to bed for it I knit and finished reading "The Deserted Wife". Matt is weaving I have been doing ods & ends today and nothing generally. Mr Henry bought Starnes Lien

last thursday he came this morning. Gave 3000 $ in Condederate money.

Sunday 23rd October 1864 Mrs Joe Green spent the day here & stayed here tonight. She has her baby with her & large child for only nine months old Joe Green died some time in June. This has been a bright pleasant day. I have head ache a little this evening. Mr Henry in the house all day his teeth not well yet.

Monday 24th Mr Henry went to town this morning staid all day. Mrs Green left this morning I mended some today & sewed some on Hanes shirt. Mail brought no news of importance. The children are all very well & learn fast.

Tuesday 25th I finished Hanes shirt and made Charlies to day quite cold all day the hands are at work on the road & some making molassess. We make this years in a large box. I don't like it near so well as I do pots. It makes a quantity at a time is one advantage but then they are not thick. I paid Wiley Wells, Mrs Green little boy four hundred dollars to day borrowed money.

Wednesday 26th Some soldiers stay here tonight, they have Jim Mathews a prisoner he had been lying in the woods for several months he says there are some 40 deserters to meet in Haywood on next monday to go the Yankee land. Cousin Robert Welch came here this evening on his way to Richmond. Going into service. I made Sonzas shirt to day & cut some chemise for Fannie & Jennie.

Some soldiers stay here tonight from Glenderson. The tories killed Mrs Joe Bryson & wounded two of her daughters. Oh! this is a cruel world & cruel people in it.

Thursday 27th They took Mathews to jail this morning. Mr Henry went

to town, with the Muse boys they have been lying in the woods, but came in of their own & Mr Henry came home to dinner. I have been quilting to day.

Friday 28th Jim Henry was here yesterday evening. Cousin Bob Welch still here. Jennie moulded some candles this evening I finished my quilt to day & Matt & I bound it this evening Cousin Bob went to town this morning intending to go on but missed the stage. It leaves again on Sunday morning no news of importance. They will soon be done the molasses I will be glad of it.

Saturday 29th 1864 October. I cleaned up the pantry this morning & emptied some molasses & cleaned up the smoke house & then wove a little. Matt finished her dress yesterday. I went to see Betsey Jamison in the evening to get her to weave the cloth out she will be here monday. Cousin Bob left this evening went to Waynesville.

Sunday 30th A bright beautiful day Mr Henry gone to R L Jones since dinner the children at play have not been to dinner yet I must stop. I coppied the P O return this evening I wanted to get it ready so Mr Henry could send it of tomorrow before he started to Waynesville he thinks of starting in the morning.

Monday 31st Jennie scoured my room & the dining room today I helped some. They killed a hog to day I am very glad as we were out of bacon and lard too. Jennie made the sausage this evening Fannie got dinner. Jane Parker & Betsey Jamison staid here last night. Betsey has come to weave.

Tuesday Nove 1st Mr Henry started to Waynesville yesterday after dinner. I have some mending to day & began a gingham bonnet for myself. Matt & Jennie scouring the front room & piazza to day. Jim Henry was here this morning he is going to move Mollie out to the farm I don't think she

will be satisfied, but such is life. Women is soon tired of when the charm of youth is past, mans love is of short duration.

Wednesday 2nd Betsey cut out Willies bodies yesterday the cloth I finished my bonnet this evening. Cloudy & rain all day. No news of importance.

Thursday 3rd Matt & I sewed on Willies bodies to day finished one & began the other. Cloudy & rain today. Betsey gets on slowly weaving.

Friday 4th Finished both bodies to day & knit some after dinner. Mail brought no news. Fair & pleasant to day.

Saturday 5th Clear & cool I have been mending all day Mr Henry came home this evening. We are all well.

Sunday 6th Preaching at the Academy to day Mr Reynolds none of the whites went. Betsey & Matt have gone to prayer meeting to night at the Academy I hope it may do them good. Till Morris spent the day here.

Monday 7th October 1864 Cloudy & gloomy this morning it well accords with my unhappy temper. I must write several letters to day. Mr Henry has gone to town this day. Tis reported there was a fight Spring Creek yesterday. I can't believe it. No news in town.

Monday 14th A week has past since I wrote, nothing of importance has transpired I sometimes think I will lay aside my journal forever, but then again I think it may afford my little ones some pleasure when I have passed away from this cold unfeeling world. Tis nothing but trouble & vexation of spirit here below. Surely there is rest for the weary in the world to come. Mollie came out to their farm last friday to stay awhile Bell is improving very slow. Mr Henry is very unwell something like gravel he has suffered a great deal since last thursday. Very cold this morning.

I am quite unwell to day with a pain in my right side, I feel very little like writing so I will stop for to day.

Tuesday 15th I cut out a dress for my self to day sewed some on it. I am making it saque waisted it will suit me better for awhile now. The children have lessons every day Zona is learning very fast Pinck has but little taste for his book he ought to be kept at his books all the time he will be nine years old in July, I will soon be an old woman. Mr Henry is not improving any. I am sorry of it as he suffers so much. I hope he may soon be well.

Wednesday 16th I sewed some on my dress to day but did not finish it I have a severe pain in my side to day. Mr Henry in bed nearly all day he is not improving any though he is taking medicine all the time from Dr. Hillard.

Thursday 17th Mr Henry went with some men last night to arrest a deserter they took him to Asheville. Mr Henry & Mr Norton did not get back till eleven o'clock Matt & I sit up till they came I sewed some on my dress last night. Mr Henry is not so well to day from being out last night.

Friday 18th I finished my dress to day. It fits very neatly no news this morning. I had two letters from Eugenia last monday she has received the flannel. I intended to go to see Mollie this evening but it rained. I knit some my side is not entirely well yet but better.

Saturday November 19th Last thursday was little Coras birth day she would have been seven years old I almost wish she could have lived but God saw fit to take her to himself tis best that she died. Rained nearly all day Gus can say any word but does not try a sentence yet he is a dear sweet child. But shows a little too much temper. Willie is very quiet

loves to play alone. Pinck & Zona make enough noise for a whole family they are full of life and mischief.

Sunday 20th Rained all day Mrs Fanning moved to day. I am glad Mr Henry has got rid of one of his women renters. Sam & others killed the cow that Hannah Cook claimed last friday she is a bad woman. Mr Henry had her driven home last friday morning Hannah took on a good deal about it. The cow certainly belongs to Mr Henry she was very fat.

Monday 21st I croched Zona a net to day. Turning cool we have had some snow to night Mr Vick brings news that Sherman is burning things generally in Ga. & is now marching on Atlanta, I do so wish we could capture his whole army. Mr Henry still suffers a good deal but some better than he was a week ago.

Tuesday 22nd I cut my dress this morning but sewed but little on it this has been a very cold day a little snow on the ground. Fannie will get down the wool to day mixing & then she will spin Tena is spinning but gets on very slow.

Wednesday 23rd Sewed some on my dress to day. Still very cold snow not all gone yet Mr Henry still goes about he ought to be very still he improves very slowly. I wish I could keep him quiet for a week & in that time he would be nearly well.

Thursday 24th Some warmer to day than yesterday. I finished my dress to day. Mr Henry & Matt went to Mr Blanchards this morning Mr Henry came home to dinner but Matt staid till nearly night Mr Henry went to Mrs Jim Cowens this evening, did not get home till nearly dark Sam & others killed four beeves & two hogs to day.

Friday 25th I finished my dress yesterday. I spent the evening very

pleasantly at Mollies. Bell is improving she has measles now Pinck staid all night Zona came home with me. Snow nearly all gone. Mr Henry sold one of the hogs to Mr Stevens at three $ a lb. dear meat.

Saturday 26th November 1864 I made some hair grease today of beef marrows perfumed with cologne. Tena rendered up some of the tallow and lard. Willie Alexander, Mollies brother spent the day here he is nearly 15 years old. Sam & Jim cut up the beef to day. Sister Jane got one beef weighing 313 lbs tis very nice they slaughtered six head of cattle.

Sunday 27th A detail of fifteen men (going towards Haywood) came here last night & cooked their rations. Mac English was along but I did not see him. They left about 12 o'clock, Mr Henry & I went to sleep long before they left this morning. This room was full of dirt nearly. Matt went to Mr. Steve Jones' yesterday morning I expect her this evening. Jim Henry, Willie Alexander & three other men here this morning they all left before dinner Mr Henry has been lying down nearly all day he is a good deal better than was. I am very glad of it. Cloudy nearly all day but now 4 o'clock nearly clear. I hope we may have some pleasant dry weather now for awhile.

Monday 28th I did some mending & made Gus an apron we heard to day that Jim Ballew was dead. He has been sick near a month of fever he is to be burried at Sardis tomorrow at 12 o'clock I feel very sorry for his wife she has three little children may God temper the wind to the shorn lamb.

Tuesday 29th Mr Henry, Pinck & I went to the burial to day we rode very fast going for fear of being too late, we got there in good time. He looked very natural. His wife seemed almost inconsolable. I did nothing of note to day cut Zona a dress of one of my old worsted skirts.

Wednesday 30th I sewed some on Zonas dress to day. We are all well & I am very grateful for health.

Thursday 1st Matt, Pinck & I went to prayer meeting last night at the Academy not much excitment I spent the day with sister Jane very pleasantly dark when we got home. Mr Henry was with me. He is improving slowly.

Friday 2nd I finished Zona dress to day it does not fit so I will change it a little. Warm & pleasant to day not much news this morning.

Saturday 3rd I fixed Zone's dress to day it fits very neatly now. I have done several things to day. Cloudy nearly all day. Tom Glenns babe was burried last thursday.

Sunday 4th I went to church at the Academy to day took Zona & Willie. Mr Henry staid at home as he had a pain in his back. Mr Reynolds preached. Till Morris, Mary Curtis & Henry Jones took dinner here. We all went to prayer meeting they had a great excitment among them. Mr Henry staid at home. Old Boyd & his wife are here tonight, this is a beautiful moonlight night.

Monday 5th Mr Henry, Till Morris & I went to town to day Till & I done some shoping. We took dinner at sister Jane's. Night when we got home.

Tuesday 6th Till staid here last night left early this morning tis rumoured that Pers Jones married Peter Rich to night. John Thrash & a Miss Luther married sunday night. People still marry though the war is going on I sewed some on Gus an apron to day, made some apple butter after dinner & some molasses candy the candy will not be done enough to pull this evening.

Wednesday 7th Fannie washed up my room this morning I must go now &

give out dinner. Mr Henry went to town yesterday & to day N W Woodfins overseer was killed Monday evening by a drunk man they are trying the man. I must pull the candy this morning. The candy is not very nice scourched a little I finished Gus' apron this evening. Fannie scoured the hall room & front piazza, this evening. Matt helped her.

Thursday 8th This is tithe giving in day. I knit some & fixed my net. Pinck is complaining some I expect he is taking the measles. Very cold & windy to day. Mr Henry at home all day he is not at all well. I hope he will soon be well.

Friday 9th Pinck in bed nearly all day. Mr Henry has neuralgia in the face last night did not rest well, his face very sore this morning. No mail of consequence, very cold, wind from north & sleeting & snowing all day. I have done nothing but wait on Pinck some socks. Jennie is sick I suppose tis measles she is taking. Fannie does the cooking. This is a bad time to have measles so cold the dead of winter. I hope they may all get through well. I do hope & pray for health for my family I am so grateful for it.

Saturday 10th December 1864 Mr Henry in bed nearly all day. His mouth so sore he can't eat any thing only a little soup or coffee. Pinck is broke out thick with measles this morning & doing very well. Mr Henry sent Tim to town this evening to get five lbs of sugar for sixty dollars & one lb of crushed sugar for 15 $ dear sugar. No news in town. Snow melting some to day.

Sunday 11th A bright sunny day with wind from North. Quarterly meeting at Miller meeting house going on to day. Snow melting very fast. Mr Henry is no better. Pinck some better, Jennie broke out with measles this

morning. Some soldiers staid here last night. I must stop this time. Till Morris stopped here this evening she had been to Millers meeting house to church. It began to turn cold about 12 o'clock to day & now at night very cold. Matt & Betsey Jamison gone to prayer meeting at Mrs Caroline Jones I think they will suffer with cold. Old Mr Blackwell stays here tonight.

Monday 12th Mr Henry's jaw very painful I think it will beal. I have knit some to day & waited on him & Pinck. Pinck is doing finely. Betsey washed the jeans to day very cold all day I suffer more with cold last night than I ever did I think we kept a fire all night.

Tuesday 13th Mr Henry has eat nothing since Saturday. He suffers a great deal with his jaw. Pinck sit up a good deal to day. I have done nothing but wait on them.

Wednesday 14th Pinck up all day, some warmer to day I made three hankerchiefs to day one for Willie one for Zona & the other for my self. Mr Henry no better he can't eat any thing his jaw is swollen so he can't get his mouth open, tis very painful to swollow as tis swollen inside. Betsey began to weave to day.

Thursday 15th Mr Henry sent after Dr. Thrash to day he came to night think tis from his teeth. I poulticed it yesterday & to day. We will still continue the poultice till it breaks. Pinck is about generally a difficult matter to keep him in the house. I have knit a little to day & waited on Mr Henry he has not eat any thing but a little soup & coffee since saturday & very little of that. He is getting very feeble.

Friday 15th December 1864 Mr Henry jaw broke inside this morning & run a good deal it has been running some all day. Mrs Hawkins was here this

evening. I went to Blanchards this evening to get Zona & Willie some shoes made. Pinck took some leather Zona rode behind me. We went on with old Mrs Hawkins. Mr Henry is some better this evening & I am very glad of it he has not eat any thing yet.

Saturday 17th Mr Henry's jaw still runing he is very feeble does not eat any thing "Tis rumoured that Kirk is coming up the river to attack Asheville." I hope tis not so. Cloudy & some rain to day. Cousin William Henry stays here tonight. Betsy is weaving up stairs her & Matt stay up there all the time she is afraid of getting the measles.

Sunday 18th Cloudy & raining this evening. Brother Jimmie took dinner here, Miss Ellen Jone's has been here all day. Matt & Betsy went to Cannons this morning I sent for Matt, she was at Mrs Normans. Marcella Allen came home with her after dinner. Betsey has not come yet, the girls are up stairs, Mr Henry is lying down he sits up but very little. I sent some tallow to town by uncle Sam last thursday to exchange for cloth got twenty yds of nice sheeting for 25 pounds of tallow. No news from Kirk. Lord hear this my humble petition, May we not fall into the hands of our enemies and Oh! Father of mercy hasten the glad day when peace will once more smile on our bleeding country, and may my dear husband soon be restored to health is my prayer.

Monday 19th Betsey has not come yet Matt & Marcella Allen went to prayer meeting at Albert Hawkin's last night they were late getting home Matt has had tooth ache all day Louise McKinish stays with her tonight. I made a pair drawers for Zona to day & waited on Matt some. Rose is not at all well, Jennie is improving very fast, Pinck still keeps going.

Tuesday 30th December 1864. I received a letter from Eugenia last

night they are all well Matt slept very little with her jaw last night. Zona is not well to day. I cut some shirts for Pinck to day & skirts for Zona also some drawers for her sewed but little Capt. Russell & brother took dinner here. Sherman got through to the coast I am sorry he did.

Wednesday 21st Zona still unwell, measles I think. Mr Henry is not at all well but improving. I finished another pair of Zona drawers to day. An agent for a Georgia hospital was here to day the yankees robbed hospital he is trying to get supplies. Betsey same to day Matts jaw better. Gus is not well. Rose & Jannie breaking wool. No war news.

Thursday 22nd Cold & snowing. Zona & Gus still unwell. Fannie hurt her back this evening that throws us out of a cook. She is not very stout at this time. I sewed some on Pincks shirt to day Jennie & Rose breaking wool to day.

Friday 23rd Gus quite sick all day sit in the large rocking chair all day can see some measles in his face. No news of importance I finished Pinks shirt & knit on Mr Henry's gloves he did not like the mits so I have taken them out & knitting fingers. Rose is down to day, measles I think. Mary has measles Jennie & Jim cooking to day not so cold to day as yesterday. Some snow yet. Tena washed to day.

Saturday 24th Tomorrow is Christmas I will not make any cakes or anything. I have my hands full attending to the sick Zona, is down & Gus broke out very well with measles, some warmer to day I finished Mr Henry's gloves to day. Jennie & Jim cooking, Rose is doing very well with measles. Fannie & Mary both doing well.

Sunday 25th Christmas day, this day one year ago sister Jane & Mrs Black took dinner here. To day we had a common dinner the agent for the

hospital Mr. Otts called here again the people up the creek contributed largely all but Ham Moore he gave five dollars. Mr Henry gave two sacks flour 2 bu corn 1 gal brandy 1 bu dried apples 2 gal syrup & 2 dozen (24) candles. Zona is broke out very well with measles Willie is not well and has not been for several days. Matt & Betsey at home all day Matt is afraid to go out on account of her jaw. She suffered a great deal with it. I think the negroes will enjoy their holiday but little as Fannie has to wait on Rose & Mary and Jennie has just got up from measles. Mollie Henry sent the children a basket of cakes last night they were delighted this morning at Santa Clouse' visit. Zona & Gus could not eat them but Pinck & Willie enjoyed them finely. Mr Henry stayed in the house all the time helps me with the sick, he is not well at all. I don't see how I would do without him, he is ever kind to me & the little ones & I love him for it.

Monday 26th The children all seem to be doing well Willie is still complaining I hope he will the measles will soon come out on him. Mr Henry in the house all day. Pinck helps me wait on the sick very well he is very willing to do all he can. I sewed some to day not much.

Tuesday 27th Mr Henry went to town to day no news he took dinner at Sister Jane's they are all well he borrowed some coffee of her as we were out. I have sewed some to day on Zona a skirt I did but little as I had three sick children to attend to. Willie in bed nearly all day Zona is improving but Gus gets up slowly his bowels are very loose.

Wednesday 28th I finished Zona's skirt to day & sewed some on another one Matt is helping me Betsey gets on very slowly with the jeans Pinck is needing a coat badly. He has been a great help to me since they have been sick. Zona sit up a good deal to day. Gus some better. Rose & Mary doing

well. This is the negroes last day of Christmas, I am glad of it. Mr Henry in the house all day, he is not entirely well yet can't get his mouth open much. It has been nearly three weeks since he did open it. He does not suffer any pain now. The glands are swollen in his jaw yet. Ellen Hawkins spent the day here & here to night as tis snowing this evening. No news of importance from the war. Pinck & I got up soon this morning & parched coffee, dressed the children & cleaned the house before breadfast.

Thursday 29th 1864 December. Mr Henry sent Ellen home this morning. The snow melting some I finished the last one of Zona's skirts to day the children improving. I fear Willie will not get along well as he was not broke out so well as the other children. I hope he may do well he took teas very well & is anxious to get well again.

Friday 30th Mrs Benson & husband spent the day here she has three children. She had her baby with her a boy. She is looking very well. But little mail this morning. I sewed some on a shirt for Pinck to day. Gus is very cross. Zona is running about the house generally. Willie does not seem so well. Mr Henry in the house all day. Till Morris was here this evening.

Saturday 31st The last day of the old year. It has had no great trouble for me I wonder what 1865 will bring I hope it may bring peace. The Yankees have commenced the fight on Wilmington. Willie is able to go about but still droopy. Gus is improving but very cross. Zona about well. Very cold & snowing some nearly all day. Mr Henry at the mill part of the day the first time he has left the house any time since Tuesday he is so kind in helping me attend the children. Rose staid in my room all day. Her first since getting over measles. Fannie spinning Jennie cooking.

I finished Pincks shirt to day & made Zona & Gus some garters they are delighted with them. I did some other things.

Sunday January 1st 1865 Very cold this morning but a beautiful fair day snow melting some. Willie does not seem well at all. Gus nearly well Zona out in th kitchen her first time since getting well. Willie are both asleep. Willie has some fever this evening. This is the first day of the new year may it be a happy one to me & my dear ones. May this year close the bloody struggle & may we come out victorious I do hope Mr Henry may not have to go into service again. O! Lord hear this my simple prayer. Grant us a speedy and an honorable peace. Deliver us from our enemies; unto thy kind protecting hand do we give our lives our country. Help us in this great hour of need. Be with us in the coming conflicts and ere many months roll around may Thou see fit in Thy infinite wisdom, to say it is enough lay by thy sword, and unto Thee shall be all praise. Amen.

Monday 2nd. This has been a beautiful day the snow melting very fast. I made Willie a pair drawers to day & cut him two shirts. Mr Henry went to town. No news. Mr Neilson is quite sick with fever.

Tuesday 3rd. I made Willie a pair drawers to day Matt made one of his shirts. Mr Henry went to Mr George Owmensby's burrial to day he died of relaps of measles. I sympathise with his bereaved family.

Wednesday 4th. I spent the day with Mollie she is sick but getting better. Late when I got home. A very pleasant bright day snow nearly all gone. Bell can walk a little with some one by her side.

Thursday 5th Betsey got out the jeans yesterday I cut Pincks coat to day & sewed some on it. Mr Henry went to town to day Cousins John Love & Lucius Welch came home with him they are here tonight.

Friday 6th But little mail this morning & no news of importance. I finished Pincks coat & cut his pants. Bob Luther spent the day here came to see Matt. Rained nearly all day.

Saturday 7th Matt & I finished Pincks pants & made Willie a pair this has been a very cold windy day. Mr Henry at the mill most of the day.

Sunday 8th Pleasant to yesterday. Mr Henry & Pinck went to the camp ground as the battallion is forging there now. I read all day. Betsey warped a peice of cloth yesterday forty three yds, two dresses for my self the other for the children.

Monday 9th Cloudy & looks like rain. I fixed the cushions over in the chairs this morning I think I will write to Dora & Matt, after dinner we have not heard from them in sometime I wrote to Dora to day also to Lou & then coppied the P O return. Fayette Jones & Capt Deavis stay here to-night also Tom Tidwell. Cool & some rain this evening. We heard sometime ago that Tom was a prisoner but I am glad tis not so, he is a nice boy.

Tuesday January 10th 1865 I bound one of my homespun dresses as tis too short. I cut Mr Henry a pair pants and Willie & Pinck a pair. I sewed some on Mr Henry's. No news by tonights mail. The children are all well of measles. Pinck and Zona learn very fast.

Wednesday 11th I did not finish Mr Henry's pants yesterday as I was fixing in the cloth Matt will weave some this week as Betsey has the measles. She has been complaining some days but only broke out this morning.

Thursday 12th Finished Mr Henry's pants to day and began Pincks. Cousin Louise Gudger called here this morning she only staid a short time. Matt began the childrens dresses to day. Wove Mr Henry a coat lining on the first end. I filled some Quills.

Friday 13th We had a heavy rain last Monday night & thunder Tuesday morning; the creek was very high but it did not injure the dam any. I finished Pincks pants & began Willies to day. The people of Asheville give the soldiers a dinner tomorrow. No news by the mail this morning. This has been a bright cold day. Betsey improving rapidly. Matt still weaving.

Saturday 14th Matt, I and Rose scoured my room to day I did some darning in the evening on the childrens stockings they wear them out almost as fast as I can knit them. Matt cut out the childrens dresses & Mr Henrys coat lining to day. We heard this evening that Anan Jones was dead. He was wounded two months ago. I sympathise with the family. He was a nice young man.

Sunday 15th This has been a beautiful day. Pinck fell off the mill steps yesterday evening but did not get hurt much it is a wonder it didn't nearly kill him as he fell from the top step to the ground. Mr Henry & Pinck went to Mrs Quins this morning. We had four soldiers here for dinner. Tom Tidwell was here a while this evening, he heard Pinck was badly hurt & came to see him. Till Morris & Mag Morris came here this evening, they & Matt have gone to preaching to night at the Academy. I don't know whether they are coming back here tonight or not. The children are all asleep Mr Henry setting here reading.

Monday 16th January 1865 I finished Willies pants to day & cut the childrens dresses. Betsey weaving to day. No mail tonight as the bridge over Broad river washed away by the freshet.

Tuesday 17th Matt & I made Zona's dress to day & sewed some on Gus. The children are learning very fast. Gus can talk nearly plain. He can

say any sentence of three words. He speaks nearly as plain as Willie. Willie is a good quiet child. Talks but little.

Wednesday 18th Mr Henry went to town to day but forgot to get his coat cut but forgot it. He speaks of going tomorrow. I finished Gus dress this evening. Their dresses fit very neatly made infant waist with pockets they are delighted with their pockets. The hands killed six hogs yesterday weighing 888 lbs. I am very glad as we have been out of lard sometime.

Thursday 19th Mr Henry went to town to day did not get his coat cut but left the cloth to be cut this week. He bought an oven lid to day & a skilit & led for which he paid 79.50. It seems incredible. Matt is weaving Zona & Gus a spotted dress each. They are spotted with red, they look very neat.

Friday 20th I made Zona an apron to day & Betsey made one. I made Gus an apron yesterday. No mail of importance to day.

Saturday 21st I done several ods & ends to day rained all morning but clear in the evening Charlie is to marry a negro of Stephen Jones to night he is very young to marry just 18.

Sunday 22nd Gloomy all day with some rain. Mr Henry at home all day. Mr Julius Alexander was here awhile to day. I had a long hunt since dinner for the nut meg grater after looking all over the pantry I found it in the P O shelves. Charlie & wife came over to day to see the old folks. Tena does not like the match much. I want to writesome letters this evening so I will stop. I wrote to Sister Frank this evening.

Monday 23rd I hemed frills for my gowns to day & cut the gowns. Cold today no news of importance. Mr Henry about the mill. We have had

a very severe winter. A great deal of snow & rain the roads are very bad. Vic has not come to night. The children are learning very fast, Gus is improving in talking very fast he can say any thing nearly as plain as Willie. Willie is a very quiet child.

Tuesday 24th January 1865 Mr Henry went to town to day but did not get his coat. Matt helped me sew on my gowns to day. Mr Vic (the mail carrier) came this evening. He had been water bound. No news. He got me a pound of copperas at Greenville for ten $ tis very dear we used to get it at 5 cts per lb. Very cold to day.

Wednesday 25th Finished one gown to day. This has been, is very cold day. Mr Henry at the mill most of the day. Tonight I told Gus to warm his feet before he went to bed he sit in his little chair with his feet stuck up to the fire. Mr Henry told him to take them down he said "Muppa told me", I cherish ap all their little sayings, they will be men some day if they live. I pray they may be honerable men & high toned. May my daughter be virtuous & mild & may they all have good & active minds is the wish of their mother.

Thursday 26th I finished my other gown to day they look very neat. Very cold to day I fixed a gown this evening Mr Henry at home all day.

Friday 27th I have knit nearly all day I have to heel Pincks socks after he wears them two weeks. I put in every night in knitting & some times knit in the day, it takes a heap of knitting for four pair little feet, the mail brought but little news. Still very cold the coldest spell we have had this winter it has been cold since monday the ice is very thick on the branch & in some places frozen over.

Saturday 28th Mr Henry went to town to day the Court house took fire

soon after he got there and burned down it was an accident tis thought no other house was injured to any extent, though several took fire. Lt F M Corn, Dr Murdock & some of the soldiers went to the Yankees this week I am not at all surprised at Corn as I have a very contemptable opinion of him.

The new moon to night lies flat on her back, I am no star gazer so can't tell what sort of weather it indicates. I hope we may have some pleasant weather now. This has been a very cold day wind from the north. They got nearly all the county papers out of the Court house and all the prisoners some fifty. I am glad no lives were lost. I have knit & darned stockings all day.

Sunday 29th January 1865 Matt spotted the children a dress each. Zona & Gus she finished weaving them last monday Betsey will finish the piece now. This has been a cold day but not near so cold as any other day this week. The ice on the branch not melting any very thick this morning. Tom Tidwell was here to day also Capt Joe Russell. Tom is looking very well I played with the children some tonight blind fold. They enjoyed it finely & so did Mr Henry, they are all asleep now. Mr Henry is sitting here reading the Testament I finished reading through the Old Testament to day the third time. I read it through once at school in Salem & have read twice since I was married. I find it nearly all very interesting tis near bed time (eight o'clock).

Lord keep us safe this night guard us from all harm bless us with health and contentment and deliver us from this cruel war and O! merciful father I pray that we not fall into the hands of our enemies.

Mr Henry tells me to say that the black sow he got of old Billie Knight

had pigs last week. He lost two sows just at their time of piging. We think some one eat the sows one of the sows lost her pigs a few day's since. Hogs are very scarce through the country.

Monday 30th Matt & I made Rose two chemise to day. Betsey is weaving this has been a very pleasant day no news of importance.

Tuesday 31st Warm & pleasant to day I made a cradle tick cover Matt made a pair pillow slips I cut Mr Henry a pair pants & sewed some on them. Killed four hogs to day we only have 10 hogs for bacon this year we will try to make it do us. Pork is very scarce through the country. I hope no one may suffer for bread the meat is not in the country for all.

Wednesday Feb 1st Matt & I finished Mr Henrys' pants to day I began Zona's hood this evening knitting it on large wooden needles. Mr Henry went to Starnes' this evening to see about some hay he did not get back till dark. Betsey got out the cloth this evening I had the childrens dresses shrunk. I want to make them this week.

Thursday February 2nd 1864 I cut the childrens dresses to day sewed some on both but did not finish either. Betsey warped the web for the negroes pants her & Matt beamed & began to put it in Matt is going to wear it as tis linsey instead of jeans. Mary Blanchard was here to day. She brought my shoes home they fit very neatly.

Friday 3rd Not much mail this morning there is a great rumour of peace. Commissioners have gone to Washington City for the purpose I do hope & pray daily for an honorable peace. I finished Gus' dress to day. Matt got the cloth started. This has been a pleasant day for Feb.

Saturday 4th Very pleasant all day. I finished Zona's dress to day & mended some & then knit I have the head piece of her hood done and am

knitting the border, Matt wove all day. Miss Ruth Jones stays here to-night. We hear this evening that the yankees & tories are fighting our forces on Johnathans Creek. Mr Henry had some rations cooked this evening he is going on with the forces the tourier has gone to Asheville for reinforcement I do hope they may not get here. I see something on the next page that Mr Henry has written this evening it makes my heart ache to read it tis I do pray to God with a trusting heart that he will spare my dear husbands life may he soon return to this family safe and well.

"4th February 1865 As the enemy are reported to be on Johnathan's Creek and I am going with the command to meet them, I will only say that all or any of my property that may be left after paying my just debts, I want my wife Cornelia Catherine to have and to hold and despose of to suit herself either by sale or gift. The claim Robert Mr Henry holds against me is fraudulent and injust & I have employed my old friend Mr N W Woodfin & Judge Baily as atternies & I wish every evidence searched for. Sister Eliza was a witness in all the agreement I ever had with Robt. Mr H. & that was about keeping the Hotel & a settlement was demanded on all and every thing out standing between us in the year of 1855 the witness G. W. Peake was present & T. L. Henry knows we quit all business to gether.

To my wife & children I hope to return shortly in peace & the country I hope may soon be free from war and its terible consequence.

Mr. Henry."

Sunday 5th Mr Henry went to Asheville last night, started at 8 o'clock & got back about 12. A courier staid here last night on his way back to Haywood, he is sent on with amunition. Mr Henry says there is very little excitement in town one Co is ordered to Waynesville so

Mr Henry is not going I am very glad of it. I packed up his provisions ready to start and sit up and waited till he came home. I do hope they may not come here. Col Jarrett & Mr D Blackwell were here to day they say a courier came in this morning & reportes that Waynesville is burned. I hope tis not true. Matt, Betsey, & Miss Ruth went to church at the Academy to day. Mr Henry slept nearly all the evening. I feel very sleepy but will try to sit up till night.

Monday 6th February 1865 Mr Henry went to town to day got his coat out I will begin it tomorrow. Matt still weaving she gets on very well. Betsey went home this morning she has been here near two months. I made Zonas' hood to day tis very pretty. Willie insists on having a comfort & Gus wants a hood I reckon I will have to make them something to please them. I made Zona an apron to day. Cold but bright to day. The children played in the yard nearly all day dark when Mr Henry got home.

Tuesday 7th Sleeting & cold this morning we had a letter from Mr Hopson last night saying their little Fannie was dead I know that nearly killed Eugenia she was so devoted to her. We had a letter from Dora yesterday Pa was not well the others very well. I will begin Mr Henry's coat to day I intend to cut the pattern as ten $ is to much to give for having a coat cut. Vic brought no news he brought mine & Matts knitting needles he gave 5 $ a set very dear I think & then they are entirely to large. I cut the pattern & sewed some on Mr Henry's coat.

Wednesday 8th I sewed all day on the coat but got but little done Robert Tidwell came here last night he says Uncle Welch is dead and an apoplectic fit. Sunday night & died nearly instantly he was at his son Bob's, had ran there from the Yankees Robert says the Kirk band are making

their way back to Tenn. I wish our forces could have caught them. Mr Henry went to town to day very cold all day. Mr Henry has some lambs this is bad weather on them.

Thursday 9th Very cold to day blowing and snowing all day too cold to snow much. I have sewed on the coat to day. I think I will finish it tomorrow. No news of importance. Mr Henry got the children some new books they are delighted with them. Willie does not want to learn his a. b. c.

Friday 10th Snow thawing some to day Mr Henry at home all day he boiled the beef brine over to day the beef looks very nice. I finished his coat today it fits very neatly. The tails are very long. It has very nice buttons on it he gave twenty $ for one dozen buttons. Every thing is very dear salt $2.25 a lb, sugar 15$ a lb.

Saturday 11th February 1865 I have knit some & mended some finished the comfort to day tis very nice I bagan Pinck another pair of suspenders this evening knitting them. I had a note from Sister Jane to day saying Billie Kelly was dead I am sorry to hear it I heard somethime ago that he was wounded but getting better. I hope he is at rest. She wrote that our forces had given up Branchville and the troops were at Columbia, our, our peace commissioner did no good at Richmond they have returned I did hope they would fix up an honorable peace but peace is not to smile on us yet how long O! Lord how long is our punishment to last.

Sunday 12th Yesterday was cold but calm & to day the wind from the north & very high almost a March wind. Mr Henry has gone to Tom Cook & old Cockrums will be gone all day. Robert Matt & Pinck gone to church at the Academy so Zona, Willie & Gussie & I are alone. Zona has been reading to me & Willie looking at the pictures in his little primer. Gus is

asleep I think I will write some letters this evening. And read some. Dinner will soon be on so I will not write much more. The children all sleep up stairs but Gus he wants to go up every night & sleep in Matties bed as he says he is a very sprightly child. Mr Henry & I think a great deal of our children I hope they may repay our tender love for them. Mr Henry came home late this evening he has spent the day at Capt Moores. Very cold all day.

Monday 13th Mr Henry went to town to day. Cold but not so windy as yesterday. I began a vest for Mr Henry to day & cut Pinck a coat. I do not think of making the coat this week.

Tuesday 14th I finished the vest to day. Matt got out the cloth. Very cold and snowing this evening the mail carrier reports that they are fighting near Branchville. We have also had another fight at Petersburg, Va. Oh! Lord send us peace help us in this our great time of need.

Wednesday 15th Matt & I sewing on the negroes pants. Mr Henry about the farm, turning some warmer this evening & began to snow. Tom was over here last Monday and told us of the soldiers treating their Col very badly, some one is greatly to blame I think. The Col has gone back to Raleigh. No news of importance.

Thursday 16th Feb 1865 Snow on this morning three or four inches deep it is nearly impossible to keep the children out of it Gus wants to play snow ball as well as the others. He can talk so I can understand every thing he says he is a very sprightly child. Willie is a sober matter of fact sort of a fellow & Pinck & Zona, as full of mischief as they can be they have kept a great deal of noise to day as Bell was here Mollie & her spent the day here. She can walk alone but limps some.

Friday 17th Mr Henry went to town to day. No news tis rumoured that Sherman is in four miles of Columbia, but tis not believed. Mrs Commons here to day wanted to see Mr Henry so she stays here tonight. She says that tories took a good many houses from Haywood & robbed some houses. Aunt Welch they robbed a good deal. I am so sorry for her.

Saturday 18th Mr Henry at home all day Mrs Common left this morning. Snow nearly all gone, some cooler this morning. Matt and I have made up all the pants only three pair we will finish next week.

Sunday 19th Matt Robert Pinck & Zona went to church at the Academy but no preaching. Willie cried to go but I gave him an egg so he soon hushed. Mr Henry and /?took a long walk this evening. Went to see the lambs. We have twenty very large ones. I was very tired when we got back I went to the mill after the children. They were all down there playing Gus' to. Mr Henry came on up to the house as we saw a man at the gate it was Willie Alexander hunting Millie. Mr Henry came back down to the forks of the road to meet us. This has been a beautiful day snow all gone but plenty on the mountains around. I feel better since I have got rested. The children all abed I hear Pinck & Zona laughing up stairs I don't think they are very sleepy.

Monday 20th I began to make up some little things to day. This has been a beautiful day Matt & the children and I went up to the hotel place & then down by the spring I was very tired when we got back. Mr Henry out on the farm all day. Hanes & Patton, Mr Henry has hired are scutching flax.

Tuesday 21st Feb 1865 Matt is making pants for negroes the weather is so pleasant I feel like we ought to be gardening. Mr Henry out all day.

Matt & Fannie are scouring to day got all the house cleaned. Tom Tidwell stays here tonight he is on his way to Cherokee. Robert is to go with him.

Wednesday 22nd Bob & Tom started to day. Cloudy & looks like rain; tis rumoured that Columbia is in the hands of Sherman & that Charleston has been evacuated, things look gloomy indeed the Editor of the "Asheville News" who has always been a Southern man seems now to be changing his politics. I suppose he is scared into it. Oh! that the Lord would hear my prayers for peace day & night do I call on his giver ear. Oh! Father of mercy I beseech thee and grant us a peace that seemeth good in Thy sight.

Thursday 23rd Rained all day the ground is very wet we have not been to walk since last monday I promised Mr Henry to walk every day when the weather was fine. But it fatigues me so much & my back pains me when I walk much.

Friday 24th Cloudy and some rain to day. Mr Henry at home all day, a soldier staid here last night just from Macon and says that Sam Love is dead. Found dead killed himself drinking I know it nearly broke his mothers heart they have no children at all. Sam was a very wild drinking fellow. His wild career is ended at last, not much news this morning tis reported that Wilmington is evacuated.

Saturday 25th Mr Henry went to A. B. Jone's to day to lay off Pinck Ballew's dower, rained all day & this evening a real summer shower with thunder & lightning. Mr Henry got wet coming home this evening. I hope this rain will settle the earth as tis in a loblolly nearly. We hear to day that a hundred men had ran away from Asheville last night going to the Yankees so thought but I can't believe it.

Sunday 26th Clear and pleasant this morning. Tom Cook is here to day.

Mr Henry & him have taken a walk. The children at play. They are glad to have a bright day so they can get out. Mr Henry bought two bu of very fine buff apples last friday we appreciate them highly. He gave 20$ a bu, very high, he is so kind to me and the children may a Kind Heaven protect him and spare his dear life. Is the sincere wish of his devoted wide, I took the children & took a walk down to the mill dam & over to see the young kids they were delighted with the kids and played on a bank down there. Gus & Willie enjoyed it finely. A soldier stays here tonight who has been a prisoner for nearly two years. He looks to be in fine health.

Monday 27th Very pleasant I began to work a little shirt to day I want to get through with little things this week. No more news from Shermans army.

Tuesday 28th Mr Henry at home all day fixing up the farm. He went to town yesterday this warm weather makes one think of gardening but the garden is too wet to plough.

Wednesday March 1st Cloudy & looks like rain. One of Capt Collins negro women came here last monday hunting her a home she is here yet, has two children. I would not feed & clothe her and her children for her work but some one must keep her. Her master is a prisoner.

Thursday 2nd Rained all day. Fannie & Jennie spining & Celia cooking she is a very poor cook. Zona is perfectly carried away with Celia's babe tis a white one, she nurses it as if it was something nice.

Friday 3rd A good many letters came this morning tis rumoured that we have captured the whole of Sherman's waggon train and about 5000 prisoners. I hope tis true. Cloudy & some sunshine to day. I am nearly done

the little things I hope it may not be long before the waarer will come to wear them. I suffer a great deal with my back.

Saturday 4th Old Lincoln takes his seat again to day. I see not the least hope of peace. I hear that the yankees have burnt the bridge at Shelton on the Spartenburg & Union R R. I fear they will give Pa a call, if they do, they will nearly ruin him I fear. I finished my little things this morning. Matt & Zona went to Mr S Jones this evening. Pinck went too he did not start till they were a geed peice a head and then the little fellow ran his best. I stood and watched him till he got out of sight tis rather lonely tonight no one but Mr Henry, Willie, Gus & I here.

Sunday 5th March 1865 This has been a beautiful day Mr Henry, Willie & I took a long walk I was very tired my back pains me a good deal this evening. When we came back Pinck had come home. One of Mr Jones little sons came with him. Zona & Matt went to church at Sardis I sent after Zona this evening they have come, Zona is quite tired. Pinck has gone to take the little Jones boy home. Mr Henry has taken a long nap but has gone now. To see old Mathews son who got away from the guard as they were taking him to Morganton. I don't want Mr Henry to have any thing to do with him. I fear he is a bad man.

Monday 6th Fair and bright all day Tim plowed some in the garden to day Matt & I made Pinck a coat to day got done before night. Mr Henry went to help lay off Mr George Owensby's dower he came back in the evening with a severe tooth ache suffered a great deal I did all I could for him.

Tuesday 7th I cut Zona a bleached domestic apron to day the first one she has ever had. This war has made us do many things we never done before. Matt is planting out shrubery in the yard. I tell her the hogs

hogs will root it up. Pinck Zona & Willie are out there very busy helping. Also Gus & Rose I imagine Gus and Willie are more in the way than they help. Matt & Pinck went to Mrs Blanchard's this morning to get Mary Blanchard to make her a pair shoes. Warm & bright all day.

Wednesday 8th Rained all evening some men thrashing oats. Fannie & Jennie spining since dinner. Two paroled prisoners stay here tonight. I have embroied the collar and cuffs of Zonas' apron to day. They look very nice. Mollie Henry got home from Asheville yesterday she has been in town two weeks. Ruth was confined with a boy babe last monday. We had very good news by Mr Vic last night I hope tis all true. He says our forces have whipped Sherman some where not far from Chester & taken ten thousand prisoners and that we have whipped Grant at Petersburg. I hope it may be true. My little Gus is two years old this morning. He is a very sweet child talks nearly plain and is the picture of health & his papa ask him where he is sweet he puts his finger on his mouth, does feet on his cheek for pretty & says he has papa's eyes. He is very much like Mr Henry.

Thursday 9th March 1865 Mr Henry went to town to day to hear from home as Mr Neilson has just returned from there. The yankees did not get to Pa's as the river was up I am very glad of it Mr Powell is at home now on furlough. Pa is not well has sprained his ankle and has to go on a crutch I am sorry of it I know he wearries a good deal about it none of our negroes ran away. I finished Zona's apron to day it looks very neat. Rained all evening Mr Henry got a little damp, one of those soldiers that staid here last night is going to stay a few days to work in Morgans place for the goverment, his name is Hunecut, he is from Kty.

Friday 10th I have done several ods and ends to day. The mail brought

several letters but no news. Till Morris was here this morning to the P. O. she got two letters from her husband. This seems like March indeed cold & high wind all day. They are not done the oats yet as the weather has been so bad.

Saturday 11th Willie is four years old to day. He knows most of his letters I have tried to learn him a verse of poetry to day but has not learned it. Mr Henry went to twn to day no news I sent by him for some copperas but he forgot it. I have some dye ready for the copperas but can't use it till I get it. Tena is fixing a piece of cloth for Pinck & Willie some pants. I put away all the new comers clothes to day fixed up things generally. Miss Emeline Jarrett was here this morning, and Till Morris was here this evening. Cold and windy all day.

Sunday 12th Cold and frosty this morning and a beautiful bright day. Mr Henry and Matt have gone to preaching at Sandhill. They have three days meeting there Friday, Saturday & to day. I will stop now and give the children an apple they will soon be gone. Mr Henry and Matt went to Mr Jone's for dinner. Mr Henry came home about three o'clock and Matt came late this evening Mag Morris came with her & stays here tonight Rachel Jones was here a short time this evening. Matt is to write her a composition for her examination. Mr Henry & I took the children over in the widening to see the lambs they were delighted Gus enjoyed it as much as Zona & Willie the walk tired me a good deal.

Monday 13th March 1865 This has been very pretty day. The hands finished thrashing the oats Mr Henry thinks he will have near 75 bushels. He has not sowed any yet, I began to work on some collars for myself to day cut two linen ones and one marsailes. I intend triming one linen one with

tatten the other with tape triming and the marsailles collar with a pink facing. The mail came early to night but brought no news.

Tuesday 14th Cloudy in the morning but fair in the evening Matt went to the hotel place & got some shrubery. Her & Hunecut set part of it out this evening. The hands gardening some to day.

Wednesday 15th We had a very wet night last night it rained very hard. The branch & creek are up a good deal the mill can't grind for back water. Some rogue stole Pincks hourse last night I fear he is gone for good this time. I finished my collars this evening they look very neat. The ground is very wet we can't garden any more for a few days.

Thursday 16th The big white cow fell off the bluff below the mill and shattered one of her fore legs they killed her. I am very sorry of it she would have had a calf soon. It seems this is a week of ill luck to us. We have no news from the army at all now. I hope the next we hear will be very good. Tis reported that Tom Harkins has written to Jinnie Henry to know if he may come back. I think he got tired of the yankees very soon. He ought to stay with them now. I have croched some to day on little stockings.

Friday 17th Some rogue broke in the back end of the smoke house & stole two sides of meat last night I think it was some of our own negroes. I have fixed some stocking yarn to day (collen). Miss Tilda was here a short time this evening she is good company. Mrs Long was here also a short while she gave Mr Henry a very nice coat pattern a short time ago and wants to make it up I am very willing that she should, he gave her two sheep. She seems to be a very nice lady. She says she is going to make me a dress, but I don't want her to do it. I think it very kind in her to

make his coat, I have finished one pair little stockings & began another they look very nice. I would be very glad if the wearer was here to take them but I will have to wait my time. I dread it so much. Merciful Father be with me I pray, in my hour of suffering, give me strength to go through.

Saturday 18th March 1865 The hands gardening all day. We have a fine turnip saled patch have been using saled for two weeks. Cela cooks and Fannie and Jennie works out. Cela is nicer about things than either of the others. Matt & Hunecut at work in the yard nearly all day. It will be very nice when they get done. Mr Henry and Pinck went to town this evening to see if they could hear any thing of Pincks pony. They did not hear any thing of it. Three men stay here to night.

Sunday 19th This is a beautiful day. Mr Henry, Zona, & Matt gone to the Academy to church, the other children are at play. So I am alone. Mr Henry said when he started he hated to have me alone I told him I would not be lonely. They will soon be back I think. I wish I could walk about with more ease, but I will soon be relieved I hope. Mr Henry & them came home to dinner. We took the children & went down to creek a short distance Gus threw several stones in the water it was fine fun for him.

Monday 20th The hands are putting in oats in the Green field. Mr Henry stays with them nearly all the time. No mail to night as the mail carrier could not get through last Friday on account of high water. Matt & Hanes at work in the yard. I have sit in the front piazza nearly all day. It has been very pleasant.

Tuesday 21st I have croched some to day finished the candle stand cover, and began a pair of little stockings cloudy and some rain to day. No news of importance some one stole Mr Henry's fine horse last night.

We think it was Honeycut the paroled prisoner that has been staying here. Mr Henry is a good deal troubled about it I do hope he may get him again.

Wednesday 22nd Mr Henry has heard from his horse Capt Johnston's men took up Honeycut last tuesday norning at Pigeon River they will bring him & the horse to Asheville in a few days. Yesterday was Zonas birthday she was 6 years old the children prepared their dinner they enjoyed it finely. May they always enjoy life is the wish of their mother. Mr Henry took Tim & went up on the mountain to keep the fire from the fence on top the mountain but could not do any good, this has been a very windy day the big limber twig apple tree down towards the branch blew down to day. Hanes hip is getting some better he helps Matt in the yard, he has had a slight attack of rheumatism for the last two weeks. The rest of the family is very well. Willie has a cold.

Thursday 23rd Wind very high to day the fire still burning on the view it looked very pretty last night. I am afraid to let the children be out for fear a limb on tree may fall on them no news of importance. Willie is not at all well to day with cold & Gus had a high fever last night from cold and worms I think. Matt & Tilda M. went to town to day. Till warped my cloth before she started. Sister Jane's family are all well.

Friday 24th Two men brought Mr Henry's horse home last night, they put Honeycut in jail. I hope they will keep him there till he can behave himself better. But few letters this morning. We hear Sherman has taken Fayetteville this state I do wish this cruel war could stop we still hope on and pray for a better day, Oh! Lord have mercy upon us. Look with a pity eye on our suffering, and stay Thy wrath upon us as a nation.

Saturday 25th Still windy but not so bad. I have knit some to day I

am done my sewing for a while. Gus quite unwell all day, from cold I think, Willie is getting some better with his cold. I took off a hen with chickens this evening these are my first ones I have had several hens to quit their nests on account of the lice, there are a great many of them in the hen house I will have it cleaned & scalded next week I think. George told Mr Henry this evening that the negroes are going to run away between tonight & monday morning they are afraid to go in the army. Rachel Jones stays here tonight.

Sunday 26th Mr Steph Jones came here soon this morning & says Charlie & his negro man are gone. Sam & Tena seem to hate it very much. I beleive they know he was going. Mr Henry went with Mr Jones to town. He got back about 2 says several negroes have gone from town. Mrs Cook and husband spent the day here & stay here to night. Rachel left this evening.

Monday 27th March 1865 Tim has not come home to day so he has gone to the Yankees too I think Mr Henry went to town to day to hear Gen Vance speak. No News. He & several other men went to night to take a white man that is to meet some negroes at Patton's shop but did no good. The Muse boys staid here last night with two prisoners. They took up one man here so they had three. Two paroled prisoners and a soldier form William Tidwell's company staid here also so we had a house full. They sit up all night with the prisoners. Mrs Cook left here this morning. Jim Henry was here this morning I beleive he is a torry at least he thinks we are badly whipped he is the cause of his men deserting so much I think. About a hundred negroes left Asheville last night & the county around. Poor ignorant things they beleive what the trash of the country tell them

sooner than their masters. Tim & Charlies going will brake into our crop a good deal but I hope we may be able to make bread I think George will go too. Till was here this morning say's her boy John has gone & so has her Papa's Ben. Nearly every one that has negroes have lost some. Our forces shot into them last night tis not known with what effect I do hope they killed some. Five soldiers stay here tonight, some stay nearly every night. I am very tired of so much company. Pick has been cutting corn stalks all day his first days work. Rose cleaned the cellar to day I helped some, her & Celia began to clean the hen house but did not get it done this has been a beautiful day. Mr Long was here this evening a short time.

Tuesday 28th Cloudy and Gloomy this morning my back feels badly from stooping about yesterday the mail did not come last night I can't imagine the cause. I expect to knit most of the day. Mr Henry sent Lonza to town to day for salt. Eliza Neilson sent us some books to read, I am reading "The Lamplighter" I find it very interesting, the other two books I don't think are very good. No news of importance.

Wednesday 29th March 1865. I have read and knit all day. The book is very interesting. Mr Henry about the farm they are still ploughing in oats. Mr Henry hired a woman from sister Jane she began to day. We had a good rain last night they are needing it as the earth is very dry.

Thursday 30th I have knit and read all day. Some soldiers stay here tonight this has been a fair pleasant day, tis reported that the yankees under Thomas are coming up the river I do hope tis not so. Celia cleaned the hen house tuesday & yesterday I never saw so many lice in my life. I think she has scalded the most of them. My little chickens are getting on very

well I will have some more soon I think.

Friday 31st The mail came this morning, said he did not go farther than Dunns Rock last week on account of bush whackers he did not call as he went back Saturday evening. No news only we have given Sherman a good whipping I do wish we could destroy his whole army, finished my book & began "The Caxton Family" I don't think it much I skip a great deal of it. Miss Tilda helped Matt put in the cloth to day. I doubled some stocking yarn. Clear & windy all day.

Saturday April 1st Matt got the cloth started to day I filled quills & helped some. Mr Henry went to Jake Starnes' this morning. Came home to dinner. Matt has not finished the yard yet, we intend to plank up the walks as soon as we can get the lumber. This has been a very pretty day only high wind.

Sunday 2nd No one at home but Mr Henry & I Pinck and Zona gone to Millies to see Bell. Matt took Willie Gus and Rose to spend the day with Tilda, she has moved in the houses Nichols used to occupy on Mr Jones' land. Her & her sister Pinck Ballew. Mr Henry is asleep on the trundle bed I am writing in the hall room I am tired so I will stop for this time. I don't know that I shall be up till next Sunday I will be so glad when it is all over. Oh! Lord of mercy be with me in my time of suffering. Give me strength to bear up under the pain, is my constant prayer Rose came home with Willie before dinner Gus staid with Matt. They & came about three, Mr. Henry went this evening to see his sheep I started but gave out and came back. Pinck & Zona are well pleased with their visit they go home about sunset.

Monday April 3rd 1865 I have knit some to day nothing of importance

going on. All are well Mr Henry about the farm all day the hands still plowing in oats.

Tuesday 4th The mail brought no news he did not come till nearly nine o'clock last night. I have cleaned up some in the house the closets & c Rose helped some, Gus is nearly able to take care of himself the children enjoy this spring as they were housed up all winter nearly. They are learning very fast. Mr Henry at home. That is in the farm, he is not very well.

Wednesday 5th I have done several little jobs to day. Zona was quite sick this morning vomiting worms I think. She did not complain any after dinner. Mr Henry is not well I have Rose to bring a bucket of sulphur water twice a day. We are both very fond of it.

Thursday 6th Mr Henry went to town this morning. About three o'clock we heard the yankees were in town but did not believe it till about four when George came up from the mill and said some men had come from town & said it was certainly so. Matt & I began to fix up things. Sam came and said Mr Henry had gone on to the front and sent me word by Mrs Owensby not to be alarmed Sam took charge of the bacon. I am very uneasy about Mr Henry I fear he will expose himself. Till was here this evening. It has been raining a little all evening. Some soldiers (four) stay here tonight I think they had better go on to Asheville. May a kind Heaven protect my dear husband this night and all our brave men and turn back our enemies. Oh! Lord deliver us from our enemies I pray.

Friday 7th Mr Henry came home about eleven 1'clock. I was so glad to see him. Matt & I were still up I felt so distressed I could not sleep if I had gone to bed. Mr Henry said we repulsed them handsomely. I am

very glad of it. He thinks they will fight again to day. It nearly killed me this morning to tell him good bye. He went to town this morning. And came back about 12 o'clock and says the yankees left last night. I am so thankful. I believe the Lord heard my hearty felt prayer. They took some prisoners at Rankins tan yard some four or five. We had two men slightly wounded we do not know the enemies loss as they were some six hundred yards apart they left one leg in a boot. Our men acted well the artillery played on them all the time the negroes here heard it but I was up stairs when Matt was weaving so could not hear it they fought down about Nick Woodfins farm. I do hope they may never come back again the soldiers that staid here last night did not go towards Asheville this morning but up the river I think they wanted to get away from the fight. Till was here to day. Mr Henry sent the children over to Tills this morning & Matt went after them as soon as he came from town. Till came home with them and staid till nearly 4 o'clock. Mr Henry woke up those soldiers after he came to know who they were. They said they belonged to Capt Deavers company. We went to bed about 12 o'clock. But Mr Henry got uneasy so we got up and he went up & woke them up and they all went out to sleep. The first night Mr Henry has ever slept out and I hope tis the last he will ever have to leave his nice warm bed. The yankees killed one of N. W. Woodfins negroes for running. Old Sam don't beleive the yankees would do any thing wrong. I hope they may never get here to convince him. Matt and I sit up after Mr Henry left till one o'clock and then slept very well she slept on the floor in here. Some one robbed Mrs Owensby's smoke house last Wednesday night took some bacon and flour. I am afraid they will give us a call sometime, but I hope and pray not

Oh! Lord deliver us from our enemies. I pray.

Saturday 8th The prisoners all got away, from the yankees, they say Tom Harkins was along with them. We heard to day that our forces had evacuated Richmond and Petersburg, we also heard that Tom Morris was wounded. Millie Henry has a fine son, she was confined yesterday. Jim is in town. I would like to go to see her but can't now. I have made Jennie some little things to day and some other little jobs Bettie Knight was here to day. Came to see Mr Henry on some bussiness. She says the yankees burnt the bridges as they came up the river. Alexanders and Gormans. I do indeed feel very gloomy about our Confederacy at times but I try to put my trust in a higher power.

Sunday April 9th 1865 Cloudy and raining all day. Till was here this morning she is greatly distressed about her husband. She left before dinner. Mr Henry & I thought we heard something last night we got up and looked around but saw nothing. O! How I wish this cruel war was over. I fear peace is far distant yet. How long O! Lord how long are we to be persecuted as a nation, hasten the glad day when peace will once again smile upon us spare my dear husbands life may we live to a good old age give us wisdom to raise up our children as seemeth good in Thy sight & when we come to die may we dread our graves as little as our bed. O! Mercifull Father may we never fall into the hands of our enemies is my humble prayer which I ask for Christs sake. Amen.

Monday 10th No news from the yankees I hope they have gone back to Tenn. and will never molest us again. The peach trees are sheding their blooms I hope the fruit may not be frost bitten this year I have been knitting some to day, Mr Henry is not at all well his back is paining

him a good deal.

Tuesday 11th The hands are plowing breaking up corn land they finished the oats yesterday. Mr Henry is not well though he stays with the hands most of the time. I have been sewing some for Fannie to day. Matt is getting on very well with the cloth. Rose quills for her.

Wednesday 12th Nothing of importance going on in the country three soldiers took dinner here to day. Tom Tidwell was here a while this evening. Rained, nearly all day. Mr Henry in the house all day lying down his back is very painful. I have weaved some to day. The apple trees are budding the tree in the upper corner of the yard begins to show the Red bud of the bloom a little. The dog wooks are budding some & some of the oaks.

Thursday 13th Fair and warm a little frost this morning. Rachel Jones and her little brother were here to day after turnip saled. We have had a great deal but it is going to seed now very fast our garden is getting on very well the potatoes are not up yet. But the onions lettuce mustard & c are growing very well Mr Henry in the room nearly all day a bed. I have sewed some & knit some, no news of importance. The children learning very fast Zona memorises very readily.

Friday 14th April 1865 The mail brought a good many letters. Till Morris got one from her husband he is wounded in the leg just below the knee & tis supposed the yankees have been as they took Richmond and Petersburg. I was very much surprised this evening to hear Mrs Steph Jones was dead, she dropped dead she had complained some before but not sick in bed I pity her little children. I hope she is at rest this has been a beautiful day Mr Henry is some better. He has been out some to day.

Saturday 15th Rained all the morning. Mr Henry eat dinner just after 11 and went to Mrs Jones burrial at Sardis, they took it very hard. Tom Tidwell is here this evening. I took a nap before dinner to day as I got up very soon & had a slight head ache. Laura Jones was here a short time today to get some brandy for her mother. Cleared off in the evening. An old man came here this evening hunting a negro he has ran away Aunt Tena's neice. Tom has gone with the ond man to Miss Henry's farm to night to look for her she staid there last night. The apple tree in the upper corner of the yard is in full bloom the others red buds showing very plain, the pear trees & cherries in full bloom & have been for three or four days.

Sunday 16th Clear and high winds to day the soldiers have stopped here to stay till morning. Matt has gone to the Academy to preaching. The children are at play. Mr Henry is a good deal better he took a long walk this morning. I hope he may soon be well. He is down in my room talking to Tom Cook. It will soon be dinner time so I will stop for the present we had some company to dinner to day. Laura Jones & Emma were here. Till spent the evening here.

Friday 21st We heard yesterday that the yankees were in Asheville. Not much excitement. I hear this morning it is not so Mr Henry has been about the farm all the week. Planting corn I have done several odds & ends this week cut out some dresses for Zona & Gus. Miss Tilda, was here this evening. No news of importance. The mail don't go up the river any more. So we get no news only as it comes by hand. We have some beautiful weather now. Apple trees shedding their bloom the garden is not doing much so dry.

May 11 Thursday 1865. Well old journal I have seen a heap of trouble since I last wrote in you dear pages. I will try to give a correct account of how things have gone for nearly three weeks.

Our babe boy was born on Saturday morning half past five o'clock I did not sleep any all night friday night Miss Tilda came over just after nine o'clock at night Mr Henry got her to come he was uneasy about me I sent after Dr Thrash but he was not at home so Mrs Anders came. I did very well. Mr Henry about house all day.

April Sunday 23rd Mrs Jones & Pinck Ballew spent the day here two men came here this morning one without a hat and said the yankees were up on Mills river. Mr Henry gave him a hat and they went on to town. Tom Muse went to town to day & says we have an armistice of sixty days & thinks we will soon have peace. I sent for Betsy Jamison this evening to come and stay a while to attend to my baby. She is here yet.

Monday 24th Mr Henry went to town this morning walked. He did not get home till night he was very tired. The yankees are to pass through town tomorrow from up Swannanoa, it is a part of Stonemans command. William Tidwell stays here tonight. They all sleep out for fear of the horses being stolen. Tom Tidwell is here too. William says Lee has surrendered his army I am sorry for our brave men. "God moves in a misterious way his wonders to perform." My babe cries a good deal all night.

Tuesday 25th Mr Henry about the farm till dinner after dinner took a long nap. He did not get to sleep last night till two. He slept with Gus and I. He brought me some flowers to day the last he may ever bring but I hope and trust all to my maker.

Wednesday 26th The yankees or rather Kirks men came here last night

hunting Mr Henry to kill him but thanks to a kind Providence he was gone. I may never see him any more but I feel that God will take care of him in Thee Oh Lord do I hope for confort and to thy kind protecting care do I give my husband perserve his health and spare his life. I beseech Thee.

Wednesday 26th 1865 April. I slept not one bit last night I spent the night in prayer & I beleive the Lord heard my heart rending supplication. Oh! Lord spare my dear husbands life, preserve his health. Turn the hearts of his enemies from persecuting him give them hearts to feel anothers woe, turn them back Oh! Father of mercy in their wicked ways give them hearts of flesh instead of stone may they never feel the agony I went through last night.

Thursday 27th Tom Tidwell came this morning and says the yankees dashed into Asheville last night at dark and took possession of the town. Tom thinks there is no danger ahead. Tom wants to leave the country. I I think he will soon. Two yankees plundered the house to day did not take any thing. They frightened me nearly to death when they came. I take / a in my head on tuesday night when they come I thought I would go into a spasm it got better about day. They have not been in my room yet. I hope they will not come.

May 11th Thursday I am too feeble to write for every day so I will just put it all under one. The yankees have plundered the house some six or eight times taken some bacon and some other little things & frightened us a heap of times we are very thankful we have come off so well they took every thing Mrs Stevens had I am sorry for she and her little children Matt & Pinck Ballew went to town yesterday a week ago and got protection papers. They have not plundered the house since. They took the stallion,

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the Gen told Matt to go around and see if she could find him. She looked at their horses but did not see ours. She saw a negro regiment. She said it was the worst sight she ever saw in her life.

The negroes are all doing for themselves about here. Jennie has gone to Jim Henrys farm. Mollie has moved to town. This is a wretched state of affairs, the yankees are here nearly every day but behave themselves. Some camped by here by Mrs Colis (on their way from Haywood), night before last they were about here all night some of them. They robbed three of our bee gums. Some came here last night about 9 o'clock and got supper. These said last night that they were just from S C & that the yankees were tearing up things generally I hope their hearts may be softened before they devastate the whole state. Oh Lord we know thy arm is not shortened & thy ear deafened that thou canst not hear, deliver us O! merceful Father deliver from our enemies. Turn them back stretch forth thy hand and say it is enough. To Thee and Thee alone do we look for aid in this our great hour of need. Turn them back Oh! Lord, grant us peace we beseech Thee, and Oh merciful Father may the day soon dawn on when our friends can live at home in peace. May the time soon come when my dear husband can again join us around our one happy hearth stone. Deliver him from his enemies and spare his dear life. I pray. Help us Oh Lord to bear our trials and troubles with Christian fortitude give me strength to bear it & may I soon be restored to health and contentment.

I coughed up a pin yesterday that I swallowed before my mother died. About a year I think so it has been in my lungs for 17 years. I hope it has not injured my lungs as I would be very thankful for health and life to raise my children. The pin was broke in two and rusted till it is

rotten you can't see any brass only a little about the head I have a cough not much I have taken a little cold in some way. My baby cries a good deal I think it has hives it is sleeping very well now and has been ever since I began to write I must stop I fear I have written too much already for my eyes. No yankees been here to day it is now past twelve. Betsy helping Tena wash. Matt making Zona's and Gus some dresses. Very warm to day but a pleasant breeze sturing. A thunder storm in the evening. The air cool tonight we have had no yankees to day I hope they may not annoy us any more, some of our near neighbors have sent them on us to annoy us I know who they are & will never forget them. I have tried to live in peace with all my neighbors.

Friday May 12th 1865 Matt spent the day at Till's some yankees got milk here to day they had fifteen waggons been out foraging they were very quiet. I am not so well to day have headache. I took a long nap this morning but it did not relieve my head. Rather cool today. We needed some rain. Oh! that the Lord would deliver us from our enemies and grant us peace. How long O! Lord how long is the burthen of our prayer.

Saturday 13th I began a pair stockings for myself yesterday. I did some mending this morning and took a short nap. Some yankees here since dinner they have gone. Matt goes out see them when they come. She is a good rebel her & Betsy will finish the childrens dresses this evening. I expect they will make Pinck & Willies pants next week. If the yankees don't get the cloth and then they will have none. The baby is fretting so I will have to stop those two soldiers that have just left took off Jeff (dog) with them Pinck ran after them and asked them not to take his dog but they took him on. I hope they may not kill him. I had to give Pinck

a whipping this morning about cutting up Jennies bed stead. I do dislike so much to whip my children they are very dear to me, and now that Mr Henry is gone they have no one to look after them but me. Oh! Lord help us to bear our cares and troubles stretch forth Thy arm O! Lord and save us, in Thee and Thee alone do we put our trust. Take care of my dear husband in his wandering so may the time soon come when he can return in peace to his happy home.

Sunday 14th This has been a very pleasant day no yankees here to day. Mr Sevier was here this morning wanted to get a waggon to move his family he married one of Miss Kate Garrets sisters he says Mrs Garret has been robbed till she has nothing scarcely. I am truly sorry for the family. Mrs Long spent the evening here no one else been here to day. Preaching at Sardis to day but none of the whites attended the negroes seem to enjoy their freedom finely. Fannie is a worry some one I wish she was away from here. Oh! good Lord deliver us from our enemies. I pray, here thou my daily prayer. I beseech Thee.

Monday 15th May 1865 Two yankees came here this morning and asked for breakfast we told them we had only a little they got very mad and wanted some bacon or butter one said he was coming back to load a waggon from here full of bacon I hope the Lord will give him a better heart and turn them back in their wickedness. No other yankees have been here to day I hope they may not come here any more. We hear Kirk is to come on from Franklin in a few days. I hope they may not trouble us. I cut some pants for Pinck and Willie to day it tired me a good deal. Miss Tilda is here this evening. Betsey is still here she has the baby now. Miss Tilda stays with us tonight she is very good company Oh! when will the time come, when my dear husband

can return in peace to his happy home how long O! Lord how long.

Tuesday 16th Nothing of importance occured to day one yankee here the Kentuckian, he generally has a bundle of news, but had none this evening only some of the yankees have been poisoned in Asheville on milk some of them in the hospital. I reckon they will not drink any more. Matt and Betsy sewing on the childrens pants I sit up nearly all day to day. I hope to soon be well. I teach the children some not much as the baby cries a great deal. It wakes up about three after resting very well all the morning, and then he does not go to sleep till about eight at night. I think he is troubled with hives. Charlie (negro) has come back I wish he had staid away.

Wednesday 17th Four yanks eat dinner here. We were done dinner when they came, I have went into the table since Sunday. It seems so strange not to see Mr Henry in there I hope the time may soon come when he can return home in peace I went to the smoke house this morning the first time I have been out of doors in nearly four weeks I am gaining strength a good deal now and hope I may soon be well. I worked the button holes in Willies pants, both pair, some rain this evening but fair morning. Betsy cuped the baby since dinner Zona and Pinck had a time of it they were so provoked with Betsy for cutting the baby's back, Zona cried she was so hurt about it. I went off up stairs I could not see my babys skin cut & hear it cry so. I hope it may do him good. He has not rested well all day.

Thursday 18th May 1865. The yankees robbed Mr A. B. Jones of meat and corn to day also Miss Tilda. Mr Jones' Richard sent them there. Till came here this evening and got Matt to go up to the turnpike road with her she said she intended to kill the negro there was one yankee stopped her

this morning with a chill and the little yankee Kentuckian was here. Kentuck went with them. When they came back they told us they had nearly had a serious affair up at the road. Till snatched the Kentuckians pistol to shoot the negro but some men ran in between, she did not fire. The Kentuckian stays here tonight he is affraid of being bush whacked. Rain to night.

Friday 19th Fair and bright this morning Kentuck left Mr A B Jones and Capt Moore here this evening they have a meeting of the citizens of Buncombe in Asheville next monday. I hope they may fix up things so people can live at home in peace. No yanks here to day. Oh Lord deliver us from our enemies I pray. And grant us peace.

Saturday 20th Betsy and I finished Pincks coat I began yesterday. I can't sew long at a time my eyes pain me. Pepe Rich was here this evening the yankees have not been here to day. No news they took five of our chickens & one turkey last thursday they are bad men.

Sunday 21st Only one yankee here to day. The Muse boys came home to day. Their house is burnt. They saved a good many things I am very sorry for them, we once had our house burnt and tis threatened to be burned again. My God in his love give our enemies better hearts Oh! Lord turn their hearts from their wickedness, give them hearts of flesh instead of hearts of stone; rained a very hard rain this evening Betsy went home this morning she will come back tomorrow I reckon as she has not come this evening, the baby has done very well to day I have had tooth ache all day, not very bad.

Monday 22nd A yankee came here this morning and took our oxen and waggon I don't know what we will do for firewood as that was all the chance. I do hope and pray for deliverance O! Lord hear me I beseech

Thee I had tooth ache this morning but tis better now. Betsy came this morning she has head ache. Betsy McKinish is washing wool here to day I have stopped them now at 12 o'clock for fear the yankees would take it. Tom Muse is here think he is in a great deal of danger staying here Oh! this is a cruel war that people can't stay at their own homes. Oh that the Lord would hear our cry for deliverance and peace.

Tuesday 23rd The yankees all left town to day. Mr R Murry went over this morning and tried to get our waggon back but could not get it they are a roguish set any way. My teeth and jaw have pained me a great deal to day they are some easier tonight no yanks here to day I am very thankful. I beleive the good Lord heard my prayer. And I feel grateful for it.

Wednesday 24th My teeth did not pain me much to day but not near easy. The children are taking whooping cough. Gus and Willie coughed a good deal I am afraid it will hurt my babe a good deal, but hope it may not the Muse boys have never been disturbed yet I wish Mr Henry could be at home in peace. I have not done any thing of importance to day I am very feeble I have been at the gate twice since I have been sick. That tired me a good deal.

Thursday 25th My teeth & jaw have pained me a great deal all day they are some easier tonight I have done nothing all day. Miss Tilda stays here tonight old M---- was here last monday evening and said Kirk was going to send a detail to burn the house last tuesday but they never came the mill is not doing any good so George says I think he consumes the toll. He is just what I always thought he was a rascal. Wiley Knight was here this evening. The yanks nearly all left town only a few sick & some others.

Friday 26th Goodlake was here this morning & says some of Kilpatricks men are to pass through town to day. Some 3000 he is a good yank as any since they got in here. Mr A B Jones started to town this morning but heard of the yanks and came back. My head has pained me a good deal to day I took some salts this morning, it helped me some.

Saturday 27th Cloudy & some rain last night, our garden looks very well onions and lettuce a plenty Mr Henry has been gone one month to day I hope in a month more he may be able to return in peace. My head & teeth nearly easy this morning. Till was here this morning. Betsy warped Lenas cloth this morning. I want to write some to day to Lewis.

Saturday evening May 27th I wrote a long letter to Lewis to day but have not yet finished it. I gave him a general history of things I hope to have a mail soon to send it by. I made some flower pots this evening but he is not here to admire them I don't enjoy life only with him but I fear it will be many a day "ere he will come back again." We have a good many roses in the yard. Most of the things Matt planted grew, the snow ball bloomed this year for the first year in the yard. Matt spent the evening at Tills I got out supper for the first time in five weeks, I hope in another five weeks to see my beloved husband again. Pinck told me this evening that Mr Neilson had gone on home I wish he had come by the house he said Lewis was well we were very glad to hear it. May a kind providence watch over and preserve his health & spare his life to a good old age is my prayer.

Sunday 28th Rather cool to day I took a nap before dinner. Willie is sleeping now, he and Gus sleep every day since they have whooping cough the baby does not cough any yet I am afraid it will go very hard with him,

no one has been here to day the yanks passed through Asheville quietly last friday so I heard I hope they may not molest us any more. Matt & Betsy have just come in from strawberry hunting they are ripe now but not very large. I must stop and nurse awhile Matt has the baby I finished reading through my Bible to day for the third time in my life, and I have read a Universalist sermon to day.

Monday 29th Nothing of interest going on I have knit some to day. I have no heart to work since Mr Henry is gone and so hope of his coming home soon Oh Lord help me in my troubles I pray, take care of my dear husband in his wanderings and may we yet spend many happy days together.

Tuesday 30th I have knit some to day, the children cough a good deal especially at night, Willie cough is worse than Gussies I hope the baby may not get it I fear it would nearly kill him. Wiley Knight is fixing the waggon is to make a wheel and tongue I think he will finish it this week, if he works. Betsy is spinning me some stocking yarn for Mr Henry some socks.

Wednesday May 31st 1865 Jim Henry was here to day, he is all right on the yankee question, I do hope and pray for a better day for us surely the Lord will hear my cry. Jim came over to see George about the mill as we have been getting such little grain. Jim thinks he will do better now. I hope he may as there is room for improvement. Fannie was confined with a girl this morning. No one here to do any thing for her till Mrs Anders came nearly an hour afterwards. Granna stays here tonight. Betsy McKinish here yesterday & today helping wash wool, got done to day.

Thursday June 1st I wonder if Mr Henry can come home safely in another month. I fear he can never live here in peace again my life is no pleasure

without him I pray God to spare his dear life. I cut Pinck a coat and Gus an apron to day finished the coat all but button holes this has been a very pleasant day. My teeth have got nearly well.

Friday 2nd Finished Pincks coat this morning & sewed some on Gus' apron Bob Luther spent the day here he had an Asheville News giving the proceedings of the meeting they had in Asheville it was perfectly disgusting to see what an active part J. S. Henry took in it and a good many others not an original secessionist in the meeting.

Saturday 3rd Betsy and I went over to Tills this morning to get the Asheville News, as I want to send it to Mr Henry I know he would be glad to see it. Mrs Ballew said she would send it over tomorrow Mr Andy Jones is very sick, nothing serious I think we got back near about 12 o'clock. The baby had not woke since I left that is the first time I have been off the place I have been going to the back house ever since tuesday and getting out dinner also I have nearly regained my usual strength. I have finished Gus' apron to day.

Sunday 4th Very warm to day Miss Till & Mag Morris spent the morning & took dinner here, they left soon after dinner. Matt went off with them. I wrote some this evening to Mr Henry I wish he could be here, and stay in peace but I fear his life will never be safe here again. Oh! tis very hard to have to live without him. I wish I could go to him it really seems to me I can't stay away from him any longer but then I know it has to be so, so I try to submit, I was very uneasy about Pinck yesterday as he was gone all day I ought to have corrected him, but he begged off he had been fishing with some little boy.

Monday 5th I wonder what Mr Henry is doing this evening thinking of

home no doubt I wish I and all the children were with him, Pinck has been gone nearly all day I am uneasy about him I hope nothing has happened him I must make him stay at home. Willie still coughs a good deal the baby is coughing some I am affraid it will hurt him badly, Gus coughs a good deal but not so bad as Willie I took the children and went to the Mill this morning to see Mr Presly and see about the toll Presly is to shoe the mule and iron the waggon this week. Tom Muse began to mow the clover this morning but his scythe needed some fixing so he will not do any thing till tomorrow I fear he is not very good to work at any thing I have knit some to day my head aches some to day. Betsy has gone home for a few days. Rose picks wool and attends to the baby. Matt has him now my head feels badly so I will stop for this time.

Tuesday 6th I have done nothing of note to day I have no heart to work I wish all the negroes were with the yanks, they are a great annoyance hasten the glad day O Lord when we can live in peace & safety. I hope Mr Henry may soon come and see stay in peace.

Wednesday 7th I have knit some to day I don't do much of any thing of consequence, these are times that tries ones souls and body too, I hear the childrens lessons every day. My baby has the whooping cough it strangles a good deal I hope he may get through with it safely he is growing very fast.

Thursday 8th We had a very heavy rain to day & some hail, no news only that Gen Kirby Smith has surrendered & that the yanks have captured President Davis I hope neither report is true. My God protect us and defend the right I pray.

Friday 9th This day has passed as all others do now long a weary I wish Mr Henry was here to "solice all the joys of life", the joys are very few now.

Saturday 10th Mr Henry came home this evening we were very glad to see him I do hope he may be able to stay in safety I will be uneasy about him at night I know. Matt and I were sitting in the front pizza talking about him she saw him the other side of the mill & said she believed it was Uncle Bill I did not believe it till he got nearly to the gate I was so glad to see him he has been gone six weeks last tuesday the longest he was ever gone from me since we were married.

Saturday 10th June 1865 Mont Stradly went down to Pas & told Mr Henry the yanks were gone and that they had taken every thing we had he said he was coming any hour and that troubled him so he started, I am so glad he is at home. Matt and Lin Muse scoured the house yesterday and to day I paid Lin in bacon. Mont Stradly stays here tonight Matt Pinck and Zona sleep up stairs. Mr Henry did not find things torn up as bad as he expected. He seems a good deal cast down at the turn the war has taken it is enough to make any one sad to think our brave men have fought and died for nothing we try to submit to the decres of an all wise providence.

Sunday 11th Mr Henry Matt Pinck and Zona went to the Academy to church to day Henry Jones was here for dinner. Till came this evening her and Henry stay here tonight. Mrs Long was here a short time this evening. Mr Henry took a long nap this after noon. Mrs Long was surprised when I told her Mr Henry had come. The yanks came to town last tuesday and left last friday I hope they may not come back again. Mr Henry says they have a garrison in Hendersonville.

Monday 12th Mr Henry out all day trying to get his clover cut. I had some of it cut by the Muse boys I am a little uneasy about Mr Henry at night but I put my trust in the Lord and I feel he careth for us. I cut my dress to day Matt is helping me make it a home spun dress I am so much happier since Mr Henry is at home I pray he may stay in peace and safety.

Tuesday 13th Mr Henry is troubled about the way negroes are doing, but what cant be cured must be uncured I finished my dress this evening it fits very neatly. Matt spent the evening at Tills brought home the things. Mr Henry went over and helped her and George Jones brought some of the things are damaged a good deal some of the quilts are nearly ruined.

Wednesday 14th I went to Tills this morning Mr Henry went to Mr Andy Jones. Mr Jones has been very sick but is some better now. Mr Henry met me at Tills, Pinck & Zona went with me I got the rest of my things from Tills we were needing our knives and forks badly Till came home with us & spent the day I have knit some to day.

Thursday 15th June 1865 I cut Hane and Lonza a pair pants each. Tena finished the cloth this year she is weaving some for shirts now. Fannie does nothing but loaf about gemerally she is one trifeling piece of creation any way. Tena does the washing yet I don't know how long she will do it she has not cut up any yet.

Friday 16th Mr Henry at home all day. Some rain this evening one of Josh Jones' daughters was burried to day at Sardis Killed by lightning yesterday. We had some very heavy thunder yesterday & the heavyest rain of the season, I fixed the meat away this morning and finished, the pants this evening I sent some clothes to the branch this morning and Tena sent

them back. Her first time of showing her freedom.

Saturday 17th Mr Henry has gone to town to day I hope, nothing may happen to him, he is very dear to me there is a meeting of citizens there to day for some purpose, this is a very warm morning. Willie & Gus both asleep. They are getting better of their cough but the baby suffers a good deal. I want to put away the winter clothes to day and get out the summer ones. So I will stop and get out dinner and then to work. Mr Henry came home late in the evening nothing done at their meeting the tories wanted it all their own way.

Sunday 18th Preaching at the Academy to day Mr Reynolds preached. Mr Henry Matt and Zona went Mr Bird took dinner here. Pinck was gone to day till after dinner. I gave him a whipping this evening for it. I hate to whip my children but still I must do my duty Mr Henry went to Sand Hill to preaching this evening with preacher Bird Matt spent the evening at Miss Tilda's I have a very bad head ache this evening. Mr Henry came home about six o'clock.

Monday 19th I took some pills last night my head not well yet, I cut two linen shirt bosoms this morning but did but little at them. Fannie has set in to work for her board she could not work for her food and cloths at first and now she works for her food alone is to spin five yds a week and wash one day. She is picking wool now and will be nearly all the week. Rose is helping but she is so trifling I can't get any thing out of her. Oh! tis so sad to think we are subjugated, help us Oh! Lord to bear thy chasting rod.

Tuesday 20th June 1865 I finished the bosoms this evening I cut the bodies this morning. Matt is sewing on them. Mr Henry is staying about

the mill this week to see how much toll it makes. ~~Lt T L morris got home last~~ We only get about three bu a week for our share.

Wednesday 21st I am still at work on the shirts but have neither one done yet. Matt is helping. No news of importance in the country. Every body looks discouraged at our subjngation it really seems to me somethimes that I don't care to live but then again I want life to raise my children. What would they do without a mother help me O! Lord life burthen to bear.

Thursday 22 My baby is two months old to day I have seen agreat deal of trouble in the last two months more than I ever want to see again Sister Jane spent the day here to day Mr Neilson came to mill and she came over in the waggon. I finished one shirt to day Celia is doing the washing after dinner every day till Fannie gets able.

Friday 23rd I sewed on the shirt to day no news of importance no mail yet it is a great pity this war came on, as we had to be subjugated. Life is not so sweet as it once was O! Father of Mercy help me not to repine at thy holy will.

Saturday 24th Lt T L Morris got home last night he is nearly well Mr Henry went to see him this morning. I finished the shirt this morning one week making two shirts with Matt to help that is slow getting on.

Sunday 25th Rained all day the creek very full we all staid at home to day Mr Henry and Pinck went to the dam this evening & then up to Tills they got wet as they came home.

Monday 26th Matt & I made a garalaldi waist to day for myself of my old brilliante dress it fits beautifully. Betsy came this morning she is going to weave some here for herself. Matt helped her put it in Mr Henry is going to mind the mill himself Jim Cowen old Randle and

George nigger come to this mill this morning and demanded possession. But Mr Henry would not them possession.

Tuesday 27th June 1865 Neggar George went to Hendersonville to day to see the General Commander there he wrote a very polite note to Mr Henry about it George misrepressented the case to them I know he and Cowen are full brothers both nigs. Two paroled prisoners staid here last night Matt and I are making the children some bonnets I have a slight head ache to day.

Wednesday 28th My head pained me some this morning but since dinner much better. I have sewed some to day. Betsy weaving Mr Henry is tending the mill has made a geed deal of toll this week.

Thursday 29th Col Moore was at the mill yesterday he is going to Hendersonville for Mr Henry about the mill. Miss Eliza Neilson, Miss Lewis and Joe Collins spent the day here. My head has ached all the morning but better now. Till came this morning & staid till after dinner. Mr Henry at the mill all day he is miller now.

Friday 30th We finished the bonnetts to day no news we have some beans, peas and potatoes every day but not a plenty.

Sunday July 2nd I did several odds and ends yesterday & to day. I have tended the baby all day as Rose and Cela have gone to town. Betsy and I took the children and went to walk left the house alone, and some one came in and took Mr Henrys pistol out of his coat pocket I am so sorry I don't think I will leave the house soon again.

Monday 3rd Mr Henry staid at the mill last night I was sorry to see him go off alone with no weapon. My troubles are great, help me to bear them with Christian resignation I don't expect to do any thing to day

I have no heart to work at any thing. I do hope Mr Henry may yet get his pistol but I fear tis gone think Andy or Hanes one took it as Hanes was in the yard & so was Andy.

Tuesday 4th Matt and Betsy spent the day with Mrs Long they came home late they did not get anything as their things were put where they could not get to them. Gus lost the keys this evening. I had a long hunt for them and found them in the hall in a chair, this day 12 years ago I made my flounced baraige dress sister Jane and I things have changed a great deal since then.

Wednesday 5th July 1865 Oh! this is a peace we little expected and did not want but help us to be resigned there is a great change in the negroes they seem not to want to do any thing only as they are hired. I finished my babys dress to day tis made of my robe musline it looks very neat.

Thursday 6th I sewed some on Zona's dress to day made of sister Doras skirt, Dora gave it to her in 1860 the last time I was at Pa's. Mr Henry has a bealing on his hand. He suffers a good deal with it. Dr Holt and Dr Summey were out to see Willie last Tuesday, and Dr Holt lanced his hand it run a little. Dr Summey thinks Willies left lung is diseased a little they left some medicine for him I am very much afraid he will have consumption. Mr Henry went to town last tuesday and took the amnesty oath. The country is all quiet I am sorry this war ever was as we had to be conquered. But God willed it so and we submit.

Friday 7th Mrs Long spent the day here brought some of my things home. I sewed some on Zonas dress Betsy is not done her dress yet. Matt ironed till after dinner and Celia finished. Mr Henry's hand is not improving any

he sleeps but very little at night with it I sympathise with him but can't do it any good. It first started from a bruise caused by carrying hay.

Saturday 8th I have done several odds and ends to day finished Zonas dress Mr Henry's hand still painful, the wheat crop generally is very short I don't see what people are to do for bread. Willey Knight is helping Mr Henry tend the mill.

Sunday 9th Matt went to Sardis to church Lizzie Wright went with her they walked. It has been very warm all day. Andy Miller come here this morning before dinner. Things are getting quiet up in Henderson. He says this war has broke some men up I am sorry we are subjugated tis very hard to be resigned. I have more trouble with Rose & Fannie then any. I think Fannie puts impudence in her head I wish they were all gone from here every one of the colour I hate a nig.

Monday 10th 1865 This has been a very warm day Betsy, I and Fannie have scoured the house all over Matt nursed she got very tired of nursing. Mr Henrys' hand not improving any.

Thursday 11th Fixed up things generally to day. Still very warm no news of importance. Willie is improving some I think I will call my baby after our great General Lee he did us all good service so I will name by baby Edmund Lee. I will ever love Gen Lee and intend to teach my children to love his name.

Friday evening July 21st 1865 I have not written in my journal in several days nothing of importance has transpired. We have had very warm weather I have suffered more with heat this summer than I ever did since I have been in the mountains I think. Pinck was nine years old yesterday there has been a great change in things since then, our country has bled at

every pore tis hard to be subjugated after lossing so many of our good men. But God so willed it and we have to submit to it. Betsy went home last thursday was gone a week and came back last monday and her and I made a set of harness to weave Celias and Roses dress Tena spooled them last week and Till warped last friday. I spent the day at Tills last wednesday and took all the children but Pinck he went home with Mr Neilson last tuesday evening from Mill Mr Neilson says Billie is not improving any has been confined to bed for ten weeks with scrofula, Mr Neilson is very low spirited, think he can never live in Lin again. I am truly sorry for him Mr Henry's hand is some better than it has been but still very painful he has had it opened several times. Mr Henry is done his oats they were very fine. Mr Norman is tending the mill began last week he is doing very well. I hope he may be honest Mr Henry has three nigs hired, one a mute Matt is weaving Celas & Rose's dress. I quill she gets on very well Betsy still here she speaks of going Daniel Ledfords this evening to have her shoes mended. My baby frets a good deal this warm weather his cough is better so is Willies Gus is as fat as a pig it did not hurt him I must stop as I want to make some blackberry vinegar this evening.

Saturday July 22nd 1865 Matt and Betsy spent the day at Mr Ham Cannon. Matt & Betsy and Matt Cannon went to the top of the view. It was very warm and gave Matt the head ache so she did not enjoy the scenery tis a beautiful landscape from the top of the Mountain. I have been there several times and enjoy it every time. I have done several little things to day. Mr Henry brought a bucket of huckleberries this evening they are very nice we all eat some and left some for a pie tomorrow. Mr Henry has a very bad head ache this evening.

Sunday 23rd Mr Morris and Till spent the day here. Very warm to day. Willie is getting a good deal better has a very good appetite. Gus is as fat as a pig and calls every body a debil that don't suit him I don't know where he learned it, from the little nigs I think, Pinck is getting to be a great big boy, and full of mischief. Zona has more temper than I like to see in her but I hope she may out grow that.

Monday 24th I have doubled some thread to quilt to day Fannie is cording the bats. Matt is weaving she gets on very well. Very warm we had a very warm summer so far the warmest I ever felt here.

Tuesday 25th Betsy and I put the quilt in to day but did nothing at it as I have the head ache and lay in bed nearly all evening. Mr Henry's hand is not improving any. He stays with the hands all day they are saving hay this is beautiful weather for that, so hot, so hot.

Tuesday 27th In bed all day with head ache all day yesterday. I have quilted some to day and since dinner wove a yard and a half I have the head ache tonight from getting too warm this evening, it is very warm up stairs in the evening. Matt & Betsy quilted.

Friday 28th I quilted some to day no news of importance ~~goin~~ on Mr Henry's hand getting worse again he suffers a great deal with it. Mr Norman is pleasing the mill customers very well now. Betsy got out the cloth to day.

Saturday 29th We have quilted none to day I have done sundry other little jobs and attended to baby as Rose is washing her clothes I call him Edmond Lee after our geod general I love Gen Lee and ever will I think he did all he could for the South, and then to think we are subjugated tis very hard indeed.

Sunday 30th July 1865 Mr Henry and I went over in the oat field this morning and saw the goats we have one little kid I had the head ache till after dinner and then I took a nap and it is nearly well. Some rain this evening and rather cool old Gramma Wiggins has been here all day & stays here tonight. Lizzie Right has spent the day here. A woman stays here tonight going to see her mother in Haywood she lives on little Ivy her name is Pendland she is a good rebel, we love all good rebels.

Monday 31st Mrs Penland left before breakfast this morning Pinck, Willey Wells, & Zona started to school this morning Matt went with them Zona would not stay she came home with Matt about nine. I will teach her. Tis raining now and looks like we will have a wet day Rachel Jones is here. Zona is learning her lesson and keeps telling me she knows it. I must hear it and then get out dinner and then to quilting which will be near 11 o'clock Matt and I and Rose with Eddie went to meet Pinck this evening we met Mr Henry and young Morris on top the hill, they said Pinck had come on to the house. Morris is to board here and go to school he seems to be a nice young man. Pinck is very well pleased with his school I am very glad of it I hope he may learn fast.

Tuesday August 1st 1865 Some rain this morning but Pinck did not get damp. He is still very well pleased I have made Celia a dress to day she is very well pleased with it. Matt and Betsy are quilting to day. Mr Henry's hand is very painful it is still runing he stays with the hands all day saving hay. These last two days have been unfavorable for hay making.

Wednesday 2nd Mrs Long was here yesterday and had me to promise to spend the day with her to day. She came by for me but it was warm I put her off till next monday. Betsy and I got out the quilt this morning and

hemed it to day, Matt & Fannie are scowering the house today. Cloudy and looks a good deal like rain.

Friday 4th Betsy Zona and I and Rose with Eddie spent the day at Mr Steph Jones yesterday I had the head ache when I got home and so did Betsy I went to bed as soon as I got home. I made Jim Patton a shirt to day, he needs cloths badly.

Saturday August 5th 1865 I took all the children to church to the Academy to day it was warm and Gus walked so slow it worried me a great deal Pinck and I carried him most of the way home, Mr Henry came to meet us back of the garden. Rose carried Eddie. I have done several things since dinner as this is one time I have been to church and it did not give me headache I took some lunch along to day for my self as well as the children. Mr Henry says that is the reason I get hungry. Rachel Jones and Laura Owensby came here this evening they have all gone to church to night. I am too tired to go I expect it will be late before they get back. I will not sit up for them.

Sunday 6th They came very near leaving Pinck last night as he went to sleep and they could not find him. It was 12 o'clock when they got home. They have all gone to church this morning. None of the children but Pinck went Mr Henry has gone, his hand pained him a good deal last night I do wish it would get well I dislike so much to see him suffer. I expect a good deal of company for dinner so I will stop this time. We had a good deal of company this evening but no one eat dinner but our own family the others had eat at church, as some people carried their dinner. Mrs & Mr Long called by this evening. I am to go to her house tomorrow if nothing happens.

Monday 7th Matt Betsy and Mr Arch Morris went to prayer meeting at

the Academy last night I don't think it very prudent in girls to be out till 12 o'clock at night. It rained this morning so I did not go to Mrs Longs, but sewed some on a pair pants for Jim Patton. Betsy and Matt sewing on Rose's dress. Mr Botts stays here tonight he is a refuge from Kentucky.

Tuesday 8th Betsy Zona I and Rose with Eddie spent the day at Mrs Longs I have a slight head ache this evening Botts is here again tonight this has been a cool pleasant day. Mr Henry met us this evening he is so fond of his wife and babies this would nearly be a blank to me without him. I pray God to grant him a long life of health and contentment his hand is not improving any.

Wednesday 9th 1865 August I finished Patton pants to day. No news of importance Betsy finished Roses dress to day Matt has done nothing of any consequence. Fair and cool feels like fall of the year was approaching.

Thursday 10th I lost my knife to day in the yard somewhere I am very sorry. I have had it four years. Betsy and Matt got dinner I helped some, Cela is washing to day. Fannie moved yesterday in the house with Mrs Quinn I never intend to associate with a negro for I shall ever consider them my inferiors. I have done but little to day we had several men to dinner I could not eat much for regretting the loss of my dear little white handle knife. Mr Henry gave it to me and I prized it so much I have taken several looks for it but the weeds and grass are too high for me to find it. Newton Taylor came in from Cherokee last night, says they are all well, William Tidwell is to be in, in a few days.

Friday 11th I have been sewing some on Sams coat to day Betsy and Matt ironing. They go to Sardis to church to night there has been a great revival at Locust Knob going on this week and they have moved it to Sardis.

Taylor is going with them, I hope those who professed religion may hold out faithful and may do better than they have been doing.

Saturday 12th Matt & Betsy came home last night almost two o'clock. William Tidwell came to day Matt and Betsy have gone to Steph Jones' to night and then to Sardis tomorrow to preaching. I have sewed some on Sams coat to day I get on very slow. Mr Henrys hand not improving any it pains him up his arm.

Sunday 13th Lt T L Morris & Till, I Major, T P Jones spent the day here Pinck Ballew came over with them but her baby was sick so she went home about 11 o'clock. She left Alice and Wilbar the children had a merry time of it playing my head aches some this evening.

Monday 14th Two o'clock when Matt and Betsy got home last night late hours I think for prudent women to be out I have helped Miss Till about weaving our bonnets to day she warped and put them in & wove nearly two yards, we have to get more straw.

Tuesday 15th I went to Tills this morning to help get the straw and she would have me stay till after dinner she had a very nice dinner the first cabbage and sweet potatoes I have seen. Mr Henry sent for me to come home as Miss Rachel Johnston of Mills River had come down with her father to Mill we have a house full of company tonight as Mr Freeman & his little son Bobbie are here and then there are some three hands here moving two Cook boys and Joe Parker Matt William and Newt have gone to see Matts mother. Started this morning.

Wednesday 16th I finished Sams coat yesterday evening William & Newt came back to day but Matt is going to stay till the last of this week Betsy and I have been weaving on our bonnets to day only wove a yd I went to

Tills this evening and got some straw but not enough. Till will be here tomorrow with more straw to finish it Willie and Zona went with me it is a great treat to them to go to Miss Tildas'.

Thursday 17th Till and I got out the bonnetts to day Betsy got dinner, rained nearly all day we had our first mush mellon out of the garden to day it was a very nice one the children enjoyed it finely. Zona is not learning fast now. She does not like her book Gus is a naughty boy sometimes calls us all nigger and debil. I expect I will have to whip it out of him I dislike so much to whip my dear little ones.

Friday 18th I have been fixing up some of Willies and Zonas old clothes for Soloman and Doug (Celas children) to day Betsy helping. My baby is not at all well loose bowels. I think he will cut teeth soon. My head ached some tonight.

Sunday 20th I had the head ache very bad all day yesterday. Sister Jane spent the day here but I could not enjoy it as I was so sick. Betsy ironed all day. Mr Henry's hand has pained him a great deal this week, but it is a great deal better now. I got part of the core out of one of the places, it is runing in three places. He is asleep up stairs now Eddie is fretting I must go to him. Nothing new going on all quiet now.

Monday 21st 1865 August Betsy and I washed out some five quilts this morning they are damaged a good deal in the way of stain. Old Mull is the cause of that I hope he may get his just reward some day. Matt came home to day thinks of teaching a school down there.

Tuesday 22nd I went to Miss Tills this morning, she came over with me we brought my thread over. Matt is going to make herself some dresses. I will have one on the web. Till and I cut our bonnets to day I have not

made my crown fit very neatly it is the first one I have tried. Very warm to day.

Wednesday 23rd Sewed some on my bonnet to day it is very unhandy work. Matt and Betsy have got their thread dyed to day. Betsy went home this evening is to be back tomorrow.

Thursday 24th Mr Henry's hand is a great deal better I and Tena got dinner to day Matt is spooling her thread. Mrs Long spent the day here. We scarcely ever go a day without some one to eat with us. I have sewed some on my bonnet to day not much.

Friday 25h I ironed till dinner. Matt spooled. Betsy not come yet. Tena is helping spool she is more willing to do any thing now than ever I think she will find freedom is not such a delightful thing after all. She has behaved very well all the time. I am very glad we are rid of Fannie she was one troublesome peice of African flesh.

Saturday 26th I finished my bonnet to day after working all week on it, it looks very nice Pinck went to sister Janes to day after my seven hundred sley she had loaned it so I did not get it. I sent to Jim Henry after the cow he had turned her out and could not find her as she is dry. I had head ache this evening but took a nap and it cured me. Mr Yett of Len ate dinner here to day & left a letter for sister Jane from Vic Peake she is married to Norman she is very happy now so she writes. Two men stay here to night came after the still for George Peake.

Sunday 27th Cool this morning but warm now we had a nice peach pie for dinner Billie Cook brought us a basket of nice peaches yesterday and one last tuesday Mr Henry sent him up to McAfee after them. William has to Locust Knob to church to day just got back I want to go to Tildas this

evening to see if I can get a sley for our cloth had some very nice water mellons this evening. But don't think I can get a sley.

Monday 28th Betsy came yesterday evening she has been sick she warped the cloth to day I have mended some to day and went to Mrs Steph Jones and then to Mrs Owensbys to try to borrow a sley but got none I will try to get one of Mrs Norman. Betsy gone home took all her things I can't imagine shy she left something has happened as ~~she left something has happened as~~ she expected to make this her home. Till Morris is teaching school at Locust Knob began to day.

Tuesday 29th Two of the Guy women here to day bottoming some chairs I got a school basket for Pink and some other baskets of them they are very poor and indolent people. Matt and I put in the cloth, got a sley of Mrs Norman.

Wednesday 30th Matt got the cloth started to day it is very nice. I began to fix my debaize dress but did not finish it am going to make it longer nothing new only hard times Oh! this war has taken a heap from us but thanks to a divine providence I still have my dear husband, my children and a home and I try not to murmer at his Holy Will.

Thursday 31st Tena and I got dinner, she helps me when I have to cook we had a nice peach pie for dinner. I finished my dress this evening. Matt and I got supper this war has learned me to cook I try not to murmer at the way this war has turned but tis very hard to curb my proud spirit.

Friday September 1st I have ironed some to day and Cela some. Old Mrs Muse had two fits at the mill to day Matt and I started down to see her but met Mr Henry and he said she was better so we went in the orchard that is Mr Henry and I and got some apples, when I got to the house Billie Cook

was here with a basket of nice peaches I enjoyed them finely and Zona it seems she never gets enough peaches the children are all very fond of them it is kind in Mr Henry to send and get them for us he is a dear good husband.

Saturday 2nd September 1865 I have done several things to day I always have as much as I can do every day Mr Henry and I put some bran to soak to make starch this morning Matt ironed nearly all the evening she thinks of going to camp meeting it began yesterday Mr Henry went to the camp meeting to day to see Sol Luther about a mule of his the Confederate government got it and gave it to Tom Stradly and he sold it to Luther. I fear Mr Henry will never get it.

Sunday 3rd Matt and Zona gone to camp meeting with Mrs Long in her buggy. Pinck and McParker rode the fillie. Mr Henry at home all day Elsie Patton came down and staid all day, she helped me get dinner we had a nice peach pie. Mrs Long brought us the peaches and we had our first mess of cabbage we had a good rain last night we needed it badly we have had some this evening the creek is backed up in the road at the mill a good deal the old bridge broke in this evening they will have to fix it up soon. Eddie has been very fretful to day. Rose and Cela gone to preaching to day Cela took both her children.

Monday 4th Very warm to day I began to make some tatten for a chimise but done but little at it I fill quills for Matt, strained out the starch this morning Mr Henry took out the bran for me. Matt helped me Mr Henry has had the bridge mended to day I must go to Eddie as he is crying.

Tuesday 5th I have so many little jobs to do I get but little work done of any sort. Pinck is at home this week and last too as Mr Hood has dismissed his school for the boys to save fodder and make up their cane.

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We will have none to make up this year. Very warm to day. I have suffered a great deal this summer with heat. Mr Henry went to town to day sister Matt has come up to spend sometime with sister Jane. She does not speak of coming out here so Mr Henry says I don't know what she means by it unless she does not care to see us, I have tried to treat my sisters all as well as I was able and I am sure Mr Henry has.

Wednesday 5th September 1865 I and Matt strained out some stardh this morning, and the hogs got in the meadow and upset the tub so we lost all our starch. I have done some mending to day. I do but little work I feel disheartened at this war Oh! Lord help me to govern my rebelious heart.

Thursday 7th I and Tena got dinner Cela is washing I have never cooked a meal yet by myself and hope I may never have it to do. Still I am thankful we still have something to cook, we are nearly out of bacon it got lost in the hiding of it when the yanks were in here. I think old Sam and George got a good share of it. Sam is fixing him up a house to move in, out of the yard. I will be glad when the nigs all get away from us and then maybe we can keep a thing or two without lock and key.

Friday 8th I have ironed some to day very warm I got so warm I have head ache this evening Matt is getting on very well weaving. No news of importance, old yank Kirk is merchandising in Asheville I hate the yanks so bad I don't think I will ever trade any with them there are several stores in town.

Saturday 9th I went over to Tills this morning, had a very nice mellon and brought one home I took Till a small basket of peaches, some Mary Rollins brought us. They are not very nice we had a peach pie for

dinner I eat a very hearty dinner. Did some mending after dinner and attended to Eddie. Matt the children and Jim Patton went to get some pine this evening they got a nice chance.

Sunday 10th This day seven years ago my dear little baby Cora died I could not see it was for the best then, but I think it was now. Oh! this cruel war has nearly crazied me I am so rebelious it is so hard to have own wills so crossed by one who doeth all things well help me O Lord to curb my reblious heart. I am thankful my dear husband is spared to me and my dear children I ought to be thankful for that blessing, and I do try to be I was in a great deal of trouble seven years ago to day I loved my dear little baby so dearly, but God took her to himself, she is now an angle in glory.

Monday 11th 1865 September I have head ache to day but tis better this evening I took a nap since dinner and feel much better. I made some tatten have enough now Matt will get out the cloth in a day or two. I have a nice chance of starch I have not put it out yet, no news of importance going on some yanks in town but they are very quiet.

Tuesday 12th I cut two chemise for my self and two shirts for Mr Henry of sheeting if it had not been for that bolt of sheeting I don't see how we would have got along. About under-clothes, it is nearly all gone now. Cela is doing the washing of evenings now and she will do the ironing also.

Wednesday 13th I finished one chemise this evening Matt will get out the cloth in the morning it will not be enough for me a dress I am sorry of it. I have a nice chance of starch drying and some in soak. Mr Henry has his hogs up to fatten. We have only ten as they nearly all died up with cholera, last spring.

Thursday 14th We are having some beautiful weather now fair and warm. Matt shrunk the cloth this morning and ironed some this evening. Pinck and Zona recite to me every day they are learning very fast. Pinck can cipher some and Zona makes straight marks. Willie knows nearly all the alphabet all but e and h they seem to be very hard to him.

Friday 15th Mr Henry went to town this morning Sister Jane's family all well. Matt is coming out before long. Mr Henry sent Jim Patton to Bob Cudgers to day and got one ham of very nice bacon it seems so strange for us to be out of meat our meat went very strangly in the hiding. George and Old Sam hid it I amagine they supplied themselves out of it. I finished my chemise this evening. We had quite a refreshing shower since dinner.

Saturday 16th This has been a day of all sorts of work as Saturday generally is I washed all the childrens heads this evening and mine too. Mr Henry went to Capt Moores this morning did not get home till after dinner. Capt Freemans little Willie staid here last night and Thursday night also Freeman & family start to Texas in a few days hunting a home.

Sunday 17th Cool this morning but the sum is very warm now. Pinck is off hunting chinquapins the other at play in the kitchen except Gus who is not at all well has sore throat I think he is lying down and has been all morning. He had a fever all night. I hope he may soon be well again. Eddie is getting better of his cough and getting fat fast. Till and Mr Morris spent the day here. I wrote in Mrs T F Glenn's album to day. Gus no better this evening.

Monday 18th Mr Henry started to get his hourse (stallion) he has heard he was in Henderson Co Steph Jones went with him. Some rain to day

I fear Mr Henry will get wet. I have sewed some a shirt bosom to day. Gus is much better his neck is full of little blisters on the out side I made a mistake and put croton oil on instead of a linamint for sore throat I hope it may soon be well he is fretful still.

Thursday 19th I sewed some on the shirt to day. Rachel Jone's came here this evening and brought me a note from her father saying Mr Henry has gone on for his horse and will perhaps go to Pa's Rachel stays here tonight. Miss Tilda was here a few minutes this evening. I hope Mr Henry may get his horse and may a kind Providence watch over him and take care of him in his wandering.

Wednesday 20th I have sewed some on Mr Henry's shirt I am uneasy about him but I will give him into the hands of a devine Providence who has cared for us all our lives. Gus' neck is improving but not well his ears are sore behind them I think they will be well soon.

Thursday 21st This day sixteen years ago my only brother was thrown from a horse and killed it seems a long time since then our hearts were very sad but I think it was for the best. "He doeth all things well." I have sewed some to day. My head aches badly this evening.

Saturday 23rd I had head ache very bad all day yesterday it has got nearly well since dinner I have done but little to day sewed some. No news from Mr Henry I do hope and trust no harm has befallen him he is very dear to me and our children how could I live without my own dear husband God bless him I pray.

Sunday 24th September 1865 I took all the children to Tills and spent the day Mr Henry came over there about dinner we were all glad to see him. He got his horse he is very poor. He had no difficulty in getting him.

I am glad he got him and no trouble and got home safe. He did not go to Pa's only went to Spartenburg. Mont Stradly stays here to night. "Lord keep us safe this night I pray."

Monday 25th Elsie Patton Celia and I scoured and scalded the whole house to day. Mr Henry went to town. He has the blues the worst sort this evening. He is very desponding for fear his debts will break him up. I hope not he will hate to give up his homestead and mills and every thing he has I hope he may not have to do it. If we do help us. O Lord to be resigned to thy will I Pray.

Tuesday 26th Matt got dinner yesterday and her and I put the house in order to day made some changes up stairs in the furniture. Mr Henry about the plantation all day. No news of importance Lafaette Jones has returned home he ran out when the yanks came in things are going on badly at the North. The yanks killing up rebels & c will they ever stop their meanness Lord help us I pray.

Wednesday 27th I have done my first days washing. Cela and I got done about three o'clock a big washing at that my hands are very sore and raw in several places. But every thing is clean. I spoke to Tena about washing yesterday but she did not seem to want to do it so I did it myself. I have sewed some this evening tired as I was I could not sit with folded hands idle I have too many to work for to do that Mr Henry did not want me to wash.

Thursday 28th I finished the shirt and did some other little jobs, Matt ironed nearly all the clothes Mr Henry about the farm he is having some waggon spokes split Wile Knight has moved down to Mrs Fannings house at the mill he and Bob Jarrett are going to work in the old mill house. Jarrett lives in the old store house. He is a cabinet maker I hope they may do well.

Friday 29th September 1865 I have fixed a short gown for Eddie to day and done some other mending tis one continued mend and patch I hope always to have as good cloths for my children as now. If no better. Mr Henry sent sister Jane some rails for a pig pen. I sent her some soap. Ike Hendrix took the waggon Pick went along. Matt has never been over to see us yet I think she is treating us badly.

Saturday 30th Mending all day. Fair and pleasant cool mornings but no frost yet. Mr Henry got some hogs from A B Jones to fatten on shares put them in the pen this morning. Mr Henry did not come home for dinner. I sent it to them, they are getting spokes. Jim Patton has left I am glad of it as he did not earn his bread he is so indolent. Sam and Henry will leave soon for So Ca.

Sunday October 1st Cool this morning, but pleasant now Mr Henry has gone to Tom Cooks to day will be gone all day so I will miss him a great deal. I must stop now and get out dinner we have but little to cook no flour as Mr Henry wants to sow all the wheat he can get Pinck gone to hunt some walnuts the other children at play. Mr Henry came home to dinner. Dr Neilson called here to see Matt and took dinner with us. Matt has not been well for some time I hope she may get well as she is taking medicine from the Drs.

Monday 2nd Still cool mornings and evenings I began a dress for my self to day yoke waist and puffed sleeves it will be some trouble to make I fear. Willey Wells and Arch Morris have come again as school began this morning Pinck went I went a piece with him he is not afraid but I fear he is lonely so I go with him when no one else does.

Tuesday 3rd Sewing all day but get on slowly with my dress it fits

very neatly Matt fixing up a dress she speaks of going over on Turkey Creek to teach school near her mother. Mr Henry about home all day no news.

Wednesday 4th High wind all night so no frost but cool enough for it Pinck wants his shoes Tom Cook is to make them this week. Did not finish my dress this evening. A young man named Boling staid here last night and has left Mr Henry have his mare saddle and bridle for ten months tuition and board to Mr Hood he seems to be quite a nice young man.

Thursday 5th Frost for the first a good deal I finished my dress to day it fits beautifully I will not like to wear it for Mr Henry says it is so ugly. I do love to please him. Mr Boling went to school to day for the first day.

Friday 6th A big frost this morning killing things generally warm after the morning. Oh! Autumn makes me feel so sad to see the leaves falling and know that dame winter is coming with rapid steps, and then we are cooped for the season. I did some repairing on my old debaize dress but did not finish it my head aches some this evening Matt and I took a little walk this evening to get some grapes. But found none. We have a quantity of walnuts drying.

Saturday 7th Pinck and Lonza went to Mr Cooks and got his shoes they are rather small. We went and got a basket of nice grapes this evening. Mr Henry and Mr Boling went with us. Willie and Zona also. Pincks shoes hurt his feet so he and Gus staid with Rose and Eddie. I had to get up with Eddie this morning about three he got cold. Mr Henry made up a fire for me, he is very kind to me.

Sunday 8th I took the children to Tills this morning Mrs Ballew has moved into the kitchen as her baby is not at all well. Till was not at

home had gone to John Starnes on business. I came home about 11 o'clock found Mrs Tom Morris here. Mr A B Jones and wife & Mr Albert Hawkins and wife were at Mrs Ballews when I left I suppose Mr Henry has gone over there as he is not at the house. Mr Boling is down stairs reading he makes himself quite useful in cutting wood he only cuts with one hand the left shoulder has been shattered in this cruel war. It will soon be dinner we have sweet potato custards for dinner our first Celia got some nice potatoes yesterday evening in the garden. Pinck is standing by me trying to write he makes a very good out of it. Mr Henry brought us some nice grapes we have had several this fall. As we have no apples they eat very well.

Sunday 15th October 1865 Nothing of importance has happened this week I spent last tuesday at sister Janes they are all well Mr Neilson still absent at the North. Gone to lay in goods every body is merchandising there are several stores in town. Cela has been sick ever since last wednesday with dyptheria so Matt and I have done the cooking and a hard task it is as there are so many to cook for. This war has changed our circumstances a great deal. I have done more hard work this summer than I ever did in my life. I can't see the good of abolishing slavery. Matt is getting dinner I have the head ache, a little I fear it will get worse towards evening. I will have supper to get and I dread it. Tom Cook brought Zona her shoes to day she is very proud of them. Pinck Zona & Rose went to get some walnuts Pinck got the basket in the race Zona ran to the house & told us of it and then took a good cry poor little dear she was distressed about it. Cool and cloudy to day no news only work work all the time. Celia is better I hope she may soon be well and never

get sick any more as long as she lives with us. Matt (sister) will come out in a few days to spend sometime with us. She is looking badly I must stop now as I have nothing more to write.

Monday 16th We got breakfast this morning Cela is getting better I like to cook very well. I try to adapt myself to circumstances which is not very pleasant to the inclination sometimes. I sewed some on my dress to day and got the waist done. Matt and I went and got us some wood this evening. Tis hard on us to carry wood but we got at it cheerfully. I hope there is still a better day a coming.

Tuesday 17th I finished my dress only the cord around the hem I have been at it for nearly a week. But have had so much other work to do I have but little time for sewing. Pinck came home yesterday evening with his feet very sore from his shoes they are too small. I will teach him at home till he gets shoes.

Wednesday 18th ~~I finished my dress~~ Cela getting better but not able to do much yet Mr Henry about the mill all day they are getting a good deal of work in the shop waggon making or rather repairing I do hope Mr Henry may prosper in business.

Thursday 19th October 1865 We had a great eclips of the sun to day nearly a total eclips. I never expect to see such another sight in my life. I finished my dress to day and cut Hanes an Lona a vest and did some sewing on them. Matt Willie and I went to get some haws they were all gone we got a few walnuts and came back it made our supper very late. Old Mrs Justice was burried this evening, she has suffered a great deal with cancer on the face. Mr Henry went to the burial.

Friday 20th I finished Hanes' vest to day. Matt ironed. Tena

washed yesterday Cela helped get breakfast for the first time in a week. I am glad she is getting up again. Mr Henry is very busy getting in his rent corn he will have enough rent to do us I think. The hogs are improving very fast.

Saturday 21st I have done several things to day ods and ends Mr Henry at Hendrixs' measuring up corn nearly all day. Rather cool this evening.

Sunday 22nd Eddie is six months old to day he is a dear good baby can nearly sit alone he is very fond of his mother sleeps in my arms nearly all night. Willie learns very slow. Is spelling in three letters but can't pronounce any. Cool all day Mr Henry Pinck and Mr Bouling went to prayer meeting at Locust Knob to night they were disappointed as there was none.

Monday 23rd Some frost this morning quite cool. Pinck has gone to Mr Seph Jones to get him shoe leathers Mr Henry speaks of going to town this evening after sister Matt. I hope he may. I must get out dinner we have our first turnips for dinner to day. They are very large. I have some drawers to fix for Gussie. He is a very fat healthy child Willie does not look so stout.

Tuesday 31st A week has past since I last wrote but nothing of importance has transpired. Sister Matt came over last thursday and staid till yesterday. Matt Tidwell spent last week at Mrs Greens Mrs Kirkendoll is lying very low with consumption Willy was not here last week at home gathering corn I did several things last week got dinner thursday as Cela was washing. Mr Boling & Pinck went to Sand Hill Academy last friday night to see the Magic Lantern and some other experiments Pinck was delighted. He went last night to Tills to a corn shucking the first he was ever at. A man staid here last night and wants to board

some then days he is a refugee from Ten. Matt Tidwell went down with Dr Candler to Turkey Creek last sunday, is going to teach school I hope she may do well. I must stop as I have a shirt to make for negro Henry I made him one last week. Mr Henry about the mill nearly all the time.

Wednesday Nove 1st 1865 I sewed some on Henry's shirt yesterday and finished it to day. I have so many things to do I scarcely know where to begin we are having some beautiful weather now. The refugee Mr Jacobs is staying here for a week or so he is a very pleasant young man. I have a great deal of sympathy for refugees as my dear husband was once one, we have a good deal of company and are more scarce of ediables than we ever were. Wheat is so scarce that we get none to grind so we live on corn bread & a good deal of punkin. We do not get butter enough, but will soon get more as heff has a young calf two days old. Our boarders seem very well pleased with our meager fare. We are thankfull we are still spared and life goes on very cheerfull with us. Pinck has been staying at home near two weeks as his shoes were too small but has another pair now and is going again. He learns very fast. Zona is through her first reader Willie can't pronounce any yet. Eddie has one tooth below I found it last sunday. He is a dear good baby. Gussie is as fat as a pig.

Thursday 2nd Rained all day a very gentle rain but enough to keep Cela from washing, we have had a beautiful fall so dry, every on is done making molasses, we have not had a great deal of frost. I have been fixing up some napkins to day Jeff got them the other night and tore several up. Mr Henry about the mills most of the time. Pinck did not go to school this morning at it was raining and Mr Boling went home with

some of the students yesterday evening.

Friday 3rd I made Eddie some pinifors of doilies to day they do very well. Still raining Elsie got the cloth warped yesterday. But has not come yet to put it in. Mr Henry let Mr Curtis have some cattle on a debt to day and found where some rougue had killed one of his yearlings some nig I imagine I fear they will kill up peoples stock a great deal this winter.

Saturday 4th Nove 1865 Elsie came this morning her and I put in the cloth she got it started. Till & Pinck spent the evening here, rained till dinner and then fair and windy turning cold very fast. I got a quill basket from the Guys this evening and Mr Henry got a feed basket. Uncle Sam moved to day we will miss them a great deal. Mr Henry used to say he could not keep house without old Sam but now we will have to do it, the war has broken us up I can't see how we are to pay our debts & still retain a home. Mr Henry worries about it a good deal he is prematurely ten years older in the last eight months the loss of the hotel hurt him a great deal and now the negroes being freed is another blow I try to cheer him but he is gloomy nearly all the time. I feel so sorry for him he loves his old homstead so dearly may God in his love spare us the trial of giving it up and may we be more prosperous in our bussiness transactions.

Sunday 5th Cold and windy all day ice this morning for the first, we have staid close by the fire all day. Mr Henry has been in the room nearly all day. I took the trundle bed down last monday for the children. Pinck sleeps up stairs in the room with Mr Boling and Mr Jacob in Matts room. Tena will still milk till old Bently comes, he is to move tomorrow.

I fear I will not like old Bently's folks but I will try to get along with them. The best I can. Elsie wants to live here I think but she is not neat in her person.

Monday 6th Bentlys family are to move tomorrow I got dinner to day as Cela is washing she has two weeks washing to do I did a little weaving a after dinner, not much as I was too tired hard work breaks me down very soon in the back.

Tuesday 7th I got dinner again to day and very tired tonight Bentlys' family came down to day they are to do our milking. I have sewed some to day not much. Things are going on quietly through the country nigs are stealing some occasionally I feared as much since they are too indolent to make an honest living Oh! that they were removed from among us they are a roguish set generally.

Wednesday & Thursday & Friday 10th Nove 1865 For two days past I have been sick with head ache but well this morning. Mr Henry got a few lbs of coffee yesterday in town he laughingly says that cured me. It is certainly very pleasant to the taste to have a cup of nice coffee for breakfast. I am very tired to night I have ironed all day and then went Pinck this evening, as Mr Boling went to Madison Co. This morning and I thought Pinck would be lonely coming home from school alone he is a good boy learns very fast but a little mischeivous.

Saturday 11th Attended to Eddie nearly all day as Rose is washing her cloths. Eddie has two teeth below. Mr Henry says he intends to find the first one above and I intend to find it so our fingers are in Eddies mouth soon in the morning and late at night. I have done a good deal of mending. Elsie still weaving when she gets enough for Sam and Henry some

cloths she will cut it out.

Sunday 12th At home all day more pleasant than it has been for several days no news.

Monday 13th I am so busy I scarcely know what to do first I have made Cela a bonnet and began to quilt. Eddie one to day I want to make him some short cloths as soon as I can. Zona and Willie are learning slowly I have so many things to do I neglect them, Willie cannot pronounce yet.

Tuesday 14th Finished Eddies bonnet to day and made Doug a flannel shirt Elsie cut out the cloth to day Mr Henry stays at the mill nearly all the time they are doing a good deal of work in the waggon shop.

Wednesday 15th Elsie is helping me make Sams & Henry cloths she sews very well finished one pair pants & nearly another. We will make Henry a coat. I cut it to day.

Thursday 16th We are still sewing, we got dinner as Cela is washing. Mr Jacobs has been having some chills but has not had one since last monday I hope he may get up well again. He seems to be very quiet. Boling came back from Madison last sunday evening. Mr Morris does not stay here all the time he seems to have a very unhappy disposition.

Friday 17th 1865 Nov. Finished all the sewing this evening before night Three pair pants and one coat Mr Jacobs went to town to day no news of importance. All are well Eddie has no more teeth yet.

Saturday 18th Elsie ironed to day till dinner then went home. I have done some mending to day Till was here this evening her and I went up to Bettie Knights and Daniel Ledfords had some business with them Ledford lives where Muses lived I have the head ache some this evening.

Sunday 19th I went to bed last night before supper and woke up

about 9 o'clock. Mr Henry had put the children all to bed and was sitting by the fire waiting for me to wake he had me a pot of nice coffee so I got up a he and I drank some & sit up by the fire till near 11 o'clock and this morning I am nearly free of head ache I went over after Till this morning her and Mrs Morris came over and spent the day. Tom Cook was here all day also, Mr Boling and Mr Jacobs & Pinck went to church to day but no preaching (at the Academy). Warm and pleasant all day.

Monday 20th Raining this morning. Mr Jacobs has another chill I expect to make Eddie some short cloths this week. I must stop now and fix a blanket on the side room bed for Mr Jacobs as he is sitting here by the fire. I began to work Eddie a skirt to day of home made flannel tis very soft and nice.

Tuesday 21st Finished one skirt for Eddie to day and made the body of the other one no news of importance Mr Jacobs missed his chill to day. Sarah Jane Kurkendoll died last Tuesday. So Wiley was not here last week, but here this.

Wednesday 22nd Finished Eddies skirt before dinner, cut him some dresses and gowns after dinner all of old goods I am not able to buy calico at fifty cts yd. Pleasant weather now. We have had a beautiful fall so far no very cold weather.

Thursday 23rd Finished one of Eddies dresses to day I put short cloths on him yesterday for the first he looks very sweet in short dresses. He is a dear good baby no trouble at all will sit in the large chair a long time and play. I could do very well without Rose. But she has no one to take care of her so I keep her as an act of charity she is very indolent and mean with it.

Friday 24th November 1865 Mr Henry is forty two years old to day will soon be on the decline of life. He has broken a good deal in the last five years begins to look a little old. I tell him he must get young again as the war is over now.

Mr Jacobs went to town to day to a tournament got back this evening. No news in town I fixed two gowns for Eddie to day I have turned Willie back to the ab's as he can't pronounce. Zona is going through her book very fast the second time.

Saturday 25th Ods and ends have I done all day just as I do every Saturday. Very pleasant to day Elsie ironed most of the things yesterday she has gone to town to day will get out the jeans next week I think. Mr Henry has had the cows tied up this evening in the stalls of cow house they cut some rare shines.

Sunday 26th This has been a lovely day. I took the children and went up to see Aunt Fenas in her new home she seems to be very confortable and contented. After dinner Mr Henry took Eddie and we went over to Miss Tills they were not home so we only rested and came back Pinck brought Guss and Willie Zona was with us Gus did not want to come back he wanted to go to the house we met the children just as we started home.

Monday 27th Henry is going to put up the bridge below the mill dam to day Bently went to Capt Moores this morning and got his oxen. I will be sewing on Eddie some cloths to day.

Tuesday 28th Made Eddie a dress and cut out a worsted dress for him. No news. Very pleasant weather rather warm for Dec.

Wednesday 29th I finished Eddies dress to day and cut Pinck a pair pants. I heard tonight that sister Jane is going to move soon. I am sorry

of it she was company to me though I never saw her often. They go to Spartenburg I think. Mr Neilson has gone into business there I hear.

Thursday 30th I have had head ache all day. But did not stop sewing. I want to go to sister Janes one day this week to spend several days and take all the children, I can't enjoy myself and leave them at home. They are very dear to me I hope they may reward my watchfulness and care in future years.

Friday December 1st 1865 Head ache all day but I have not lay down for fear of making it worse. Mr Henry about the mill nearly all the time. Mr Jacobs here still.

Saturday 2nd My head has pained me all day but nearly well this evening I have knit some to day and been in bed part of the time so feel but little like writing.

Sunday 3rd Some rogue stole Mr Henry's gray mare he got of Mr Boling. Mr Henry and Boling started in pursuit of the thief to day they think he has gone towards Waynesville. I think George (negro) had a hand in it. It really seems we have the worst luck, and the most of it of any one. That was the best horse we had. I do feel so sorry for Mr Henry.

Monday 4th Mr Henry has not come yet. I expected him last night. I ironed some this morning and did some mending in the evening. Mr Henry and Mr Boling came just before supper did not get the horse I am very sorry of it.

Tuesday 5th Fixed a dress that was too short waisted. Cloudy and oppressively warm for two days. A light shower tonight with fair prospects of more we need rain at the mill to raise the water.

Wednesday 6th My head feels full and bad this morning still cloudy

and misty rain. Iexpect to make Mr Henry some pants to day or tomorrow I sent Zona over and got Mrs Tom Morris pattern I will cut them out soon. I cut them and sewed some on them.

Thursday 7th I got Lizzie Bently to wash to day as Cela is not well. I helped her some but Mr Henry came down and would have me to come to the house and in a few minutes Sister Matt and Georgie Neilson came they start in a few days to Spartanburg Village. I am very sorry of it. Sister Jane was all my relations that was near me I shall miss her so much. I will feel so lonely and desolate when she is gone. I went over to Tills after Matt left. I think I will go to town tomorrow.

Saturday 9th I told my dear sister good by to day I may never see any of my kindred again. I have no one to look to now but my dear husband and children. I feel sad and lonely. I enjoyed my visit very much but then when I thought I was at Sister Janes my last time my heart was sad so sad. I was so sorry I could not take my dear little ones. They were so anxious to go to see Aunt Jane and the children. Zona said she could walk. And Willie took a good cry when I told him Aunt Jane was going to move he wanted to go and see her but I told him we would go to see her in Spartenburg, but when I can't tell. My arm is very sore to day from carrying Eddie as we rode horse back. I rode Ciarion and Mr Henry, Jacobs mule. Rose walked there & rode behind me back. Mrs Jesse Smith's little daughter Maggie died last night she is very unfortunate in losing childern.

Sunday 10th I took all the children and spent the day at Miss Tilda's. Mrs Jones was there, very pleasant Mr Henry came and met us he is so kind to me and the children. He staid at home with Mr Boling and Mr Jacobs.

Monday 11th Fair and pleasant we have had a beautiful fall so mild

and dry. It has been a fine time on farmers. No news of importance we hear Europe has declared war against the United States if so I hope they land may be disolated as Sherman disolated So Ca & Ga as he passed surely a just God don't intend them to prosper they are certainly a lawless set may they yet meet their just deserts.

Tuesday 12th Made Mr Jacobs a pair pants to day. Mr Henry has some hands on the turnpike road he is going to work it out to the Henderson line he will not be at home tonight. I will miss him so much he is a faithful hand with the children dressing and undressing them.

Wednesday 13th Made Willie a pair pants to day. I have such little heart to work. We are greatly in debt tis distresing to think of it the war has laid a heavy hand on us brought us down from affluence to nearly nothing our land is left I can't see how we are to get through. I hope we may be able to keep our dear home but things look very dark at this time.

Thursday 14th Cold and turning colder every hour. Mr Henry did not Thursday night or last night but I think will come tonight as tis too cold to work on the road. I have knit some to day and made Eddie a saque, it fits very neatly no news. I expect sister Jane is in Spartenburg in this time she has a tollerable pleasant time.

Friday 15th Mr Henry came home last night it was very cold ice in the room. Gussie had a hot fever all night last night, is very drowsy all day worms and cold I think. I have done nothing but read and knit to day reading "Vale of Cedars" it is very interesting. I borrowed it of Eliza Neilson. Mr Henry in the house all day as it is too cold to be out much.

Saturday 15th I have several things to tedious to mention Mr Henry and Mr Bouldin went to town to day no news of importance tis reported that

the Black Republicans will not allow the members to congress from the rebel states to take a seat in congress. Such times as we do have but this will be nothing to what it will be if the U. S. gets into war again.

Sunday 17th Some snow this morning the children all up soon to see it Gus is better but not able to go out yet, he walks about the room some, I gave him some oil yesterday. He took it so well he is a good child. Snow nearly all gone this evening. Betsy Jamison stays here tonight. She has not been here in sometime before. She acts strangly.

Monday 18th Mr Henry and six hands have gone on the road to day Jacobs took their dinner. They will be at home tonight. I have fixed a dress I intend to let Elsie have & knit some. Willie is sick since dinner vomiting I think he eat too much walnuts before dinner. Gus has been up all day.

Tuesday 19th I have washed some to day my hands are very sore the skin off in several places. Mr Henry does not want me to wash, but Cela had to cook for the hands that are on the road. They take their dinner with them they will get done tomorrow. I have sewed some since dinner. Warm and looks like rain this evening. But fair this morning.

Wednesday 20th I cut Willie a coat and sewed it to day he is very proud of this first coat. I have dried most of the cloths some by the fire till after dinner and then the sun came out. Mr Henry still on the road. But will get done to day.

Thursday 21st Fixed a dress for Rose and knit some after dinner, no news of importance, two travellers stay here tonight we have some very few nights but they nearly all say they have no money so tis a poor business.

Friday 22nd Killed seven hogs to day none very large, we will have to

be very economical with our meat to make it last. Tena helped with the chillens I have moulded some candles to day and several other things. Cold and clear to day. Very calm.

Saturday 23rd I am very tired tonight as I have been on my feet nearly all day baking for Christmas. Henry killed the turkey this evening the children hated to see Peter slain. Two travellers stay here tonight. I think they are yanks.

Sunday 24th Rained till about 12 o'clock and then cloudy. Mr Henry has taken a walk this evening I would have gone also but tis too muddy. I expect a few friends to dine with us tomorrow. It seems very little like Christmas to me I used to look forward to that day with a great deal of pleasure when I was young but that time is past never to return. This day one year ago we all hoped the war would soon end in our favor but it did not. Still we try to submit to the will of the great I Am.

Monday 25th Christmas day. Bright and clear till noon cloudy all evening. Mr A B Jones & wife, Mrs Ballew, Mr T L Morris and wife took dinner with us. Also Mrs Rufe Miller but she came unexpected we had a very nice dinner the turkey was very fat. I have head ache some to day. Pinck has gone home with Millard Jones this evening he was very anxious to go. Cela & Rose have gone Christmasing till Saturday night. I will do the cooking with Henrys help. He is very good to do any thing. Things have changed a good deal with us since last Christmas, we still hope for independence but not the last ray of hope is forever obscured. I try to be resigned but tis very hard to say "Thy will be done. Mr Henry is more submissive than I he is a good christain I beleive.

Tuesday 26th Up soon and got breakfast things have gone on very

quietly Jane Bently is to nurse Eddie till Rose comes home. Head ache all day from cold I think, I like to cook very well, though it is very awkward to me. Lizzie Bently helped me some to day my back gives out so quick I am not fit for hard work.

Thursday 28th Elsie has been here to day and last night I had the head ache very bad yesterday evening but took a nap and felt much relieved. We have had cloudy weather every day this week, but not much rain. Little Jacobs started home this morning. Poor little fellow I am glad he can go to his friends. His father now lives near Franklin, Elsie goes home to night.

Friday 29th I have done every thing by myself to day, did some sewing on Pincks coat, I cut him a pair pants and coat last thursday. Jane is a very good nurse gets on with Eddie Finely. I don't see how I get on without her. Pinck has holiday this week he brings me water and does several turns.

Saturday 30th My left breast is a little sore. I got my feet wet to day a little snow last night enough to make things sloppy wet yesterday I think if the days govern the months they will all be wet so far. Finished Pincks coat to day Elsie staid here last night ironed and got dinner. Mr Henry about the mill nearly all the time.

Friday 5th January 1866 Since writing in my journal we have entered into another year what will it bring us. Joy and happiness or sadness and woe. Oh! that is something the future has to unfold, we can't look into future one moment.

I have been quite sick since Saturday. I took a chill Saturday night and had a very high fever all night. Mr Henry sent for Dr Hillard Sunday

he gave me some medicine, I did not sit up any Sunday of note my head have pained me a great deal I have been improving every day this is the first day I have sit up all day. I think I will be well in a day or two my breast is nearly well does not pain me only when Eddie nurses it was the weed in the breast what ailed me caused by cold. Mr Henry has been very kind to me in my sickness, says I must not expose myself so any more but I have to work. Very cold yesterday and to day a little snow. Yesterday but fair to day. Ham Rollins moved in the house with Bently till he gets a house built.

Saturday 6th I have done some little ods to day not much my breast is still hard one side. No news. The mail came yesterday for the first time. Vick is still on this route. Mr Henry is very good to get up with Eddie, at night and give him some milk I give but little now as I have no appetite.

Sunday 7th Bright rather cold Mr Andy Miller and another man stay here to night on their way to Asheville. I took the children and took a walk up by the stables my breast pains me some to day.

Monday 8th I finished Pincks pants this evening I began them over a week ago. Mrs Joe Green stays here tonight she is a nice woman. Mr Henry about the farm all day. He has Henry hired this year.

Tuesday 9th I cut and began Mr Henrys' coat to day got the lining of Till, tis very nice brown linsey Till has been a very good and true friend to me I will always like her. Cold and clear this morning.

Wednesday 10th Sewed some on the coat to day. Mary Rollins helped me on the coat some to day Ham Rollins is building him a house to move in. Old Mrs Bently has moved the milk up to the dining room I think she will wash the pan a little oftener.

Thursday 11th Mr Henry went to Sandy Bottom yesterday and put up the toll gate again, some men cut it down few days before Christmas warm and pleasant to day. Cela scoured my room to day. Elsie got dinner and ironed some my head has ached all day.

Saturday 13th My head ached badly all day yesterday I did nothing all day Mr Henry staid with me most of the day my head some better to day but I still feel very weak. I have knit some to day. I have not finished Mr Henry's coat yet. I have not got the buttons so can't work the button holes.

Sunday 14th Warm and fair my breast pains me some to day I expect I have got a little cold in it. I took a walk with the children this evening up by the stables, rather cool Mr Henry is very kind he gets up with Eddie every night and gives him some milk. He is afraid I will get more cold. He is as tender with me as if I was a baby.

Monday Jan 15th 1866 I finished putting the collar on Mr Henry's coat. But not the button holes yet and made Eddie a sack. My breast pains me a good deal to day. I fear it will beal & I am putting spirits of turpentine and champhor. It is not so painful this evening as this morning.

Thursday 16th My breast a good deal better Eddie up only once last night. Old Bob Boyd at work on the saw mill began last Monday. Mr Henry has Boston hired to run the bucket machinery. I have done several things to day. Till spent the evening with me. Mr Henry is sitting here waiting for me to go to bed it is near nine and eight is our bed time he is so kind to me I will stop for this time and an old man from Transylvania stays here tonight on his way to Asheville to see the yankee Capt about some mules that have been taken from him recently.

Wednesday 17th I cut some coats and pants for Tena to day I am to

make the coats. I have net some on the partrige net this evening old Mrs Bently has been at it nearly three weeks I think I can net one wing in two days. I will try on it tomorrow. Warm and pleasant to day. Mary (a nig) is washing for me to day at 25 cts in green back. She is to spin some for me, Fannie got some wool yesterday evening to spin and Tena got some this evening.

Thursday 18th I have been netting to day have had head ache all day I lay down this evening and took a rest and feel much better since. I will finished the net tomorrow if I am well. Bob Jarrett has quit work, is going to Atlanta, he and Mr Henry settled up to day, he owes Mr Henry some.

Friday 19th Very warm for January but little fire needed I finished the net by two o'clock and cut Mr Henry a pair of flannel drawers, of flannel of borrowed of Till. I sent to her house this evening but she was not at home. I got very warm I took Rose and Eddie as I was afraid she would not attend to him well in my absence. Zona, took care of the other children. Till was not at home. I rested a little at her spring and came back.

Saturday 20th Rained all the morning & turning very cold this evening, and clear. I have done several things to day. John and Billie Cook came to day and had a settlement with Mr Henry for their work last summer two men staid here last night.

Sunday 21 Jan 1866 A yankee soldier staid here last night he seems to be nearly an idiot he says he is a Prussian. Very cold this morning with wind from North fair. The ground thawing a little. The children stay by the fire very well to day as tis too cold to be out long at a time. Mr Boyd is nearly done the saw mill he is very slow but a good workman. My breast is

nearly well but still a lump in it, it is not sore any. We will be housed all day as it is too cold for out door exercise.

Monday 22nd I sewed some on Hanes coat and helped put sticks in one wing of the net. The wings are not long enough I will net them about two yds longer. Mr Henry about the mill all day Bob Jarrett's family left to day. Going to Atlanta or Augusta Ga. Money too scarce to lay out for furniture. Ham Rollins will move in the old store tomorrow he is attending the saw mill.

Tuesday 23rd Sewed some on Hanes' coat and net some I am teaching Zona and Willie. Willie is very young not yet five. He does not progress very fast. Pinck has had a slight touch of sore eyes. But they are getting better.

Wednesday 24th Finished Hanes' coat and the net this evening. I went to Elsies since dinner she has got my cloth very narrow almost ruined it. Ham Rollins moved yesterday. Mr Henry about the mill all day.

Thursday 25th I have done ods and ends to day and nothing much in the end. Eddies eyes are getting sore I fear the children will all have sore eyes. I do hope it may not injure their sight any. They are more precious in my eye than gold dust.

Friday 26th I went to the examination at Sand Hill to day went by Miss Tilda's and her and I went together also Rose Blanchard. I came back by Miss Till and got dinner. My head aches this evening I fear I will not get to go to the exhibition to night. Zona is very anxious to go. She cried to go with me to day and I promised her to go to night. She is very fond of me a dear child she is to us. I want her to go to school next session if I can gently. She always says she don't want to leave me she is devoted to her mother.

Sunday 28th January 1866 I suffered a great deal with head ache friday night and all day yesterday. Mr Henry took Zona and Pinck to the exhibition they rode. They enjoyed it finely. Mrs Bently and Jane staid with me. Mr Henry and the children came home about 11 o'clock. They had a bright moonlight night and not very cold. Mr Henry in the house nearly all day yesterday to be with me. Very unpleasant out yesterday as it war raining and snowing most of the day. Zona is my little housekeeper when I am sick. She is a nice child at any thing.

Monday 29th I was cleaning up the house nearly all morning and after dinner Mr Henry and I fixed the net and went bird hunting but caught nothing the children all wanted to go but we could not take them I started with Willie but the saddle turned and Mr Henry thought I better not take him on Ciarion. I regretted very much to disappoint him. He cried a little. Gus cried a heap, his eyes are getting sore. Eddie's are some better, I had a very pleasant evening. Time always passes pleasantly with me when I am with my dear husband. Zona will start to school tomorrow I reckon I hate to give up my little pupils. She has recited her last lesson to me for awhile it makes me sad to think of it I had to whip Willie to day about his lesson I dislike very much to punish my dear children but I do it for their good.

Tuesday 30th This has been a day of trial to me I had to make Zona go to school she cried as if her heart would break when I whipped her she said I want to stay with you it grieved me souly to make her go. I went to Mrs Ballou's this evening to meet the children. Zona seems a little better satisfied this evening but I fear she will cry in the morning again if she does I don't see how I can make her go she is so affectionateI have

missed her a great deal to day. I have attended to Eddie part of the day as Rose washed up my room. Gussies' eyes are very sore. Eddies are some better. Two yanks stay here tonight I wish they would stay away we have no bread for them to eat I hate the whole tribe of them. Mr Henry went to town ~~tedayno~~ news he and all the children are asleep and as tis nine o'clock I must go to bed.

Wednesday 31st Zona went to school very well this morning I have made her a doll to day and done but little else. Cut her a dress this evening, expect to sew some on tonight she is very well pleased with her doll. It is a nice one with feet. Mr Henry about the mill most of the time the bucket machine is not fairly started yet, if we don't make money on something soon I can't see how we are to get along. This war has been very hard on us.

Thursday 1st Feb. I finished Zona's dress this evening. She is very well pleased with school I think will learn fast. Jane Bently is going. I have a sore finger that worries me a good deal it has been sore about two weeks, from a very small burn. I got cold in it. Willie slips off to the mill every day since Zona has been going to school. Gussies' eyes are nearly well but I still keep him in the house. He worries a good deal about it. Eddies eyes are nearly well.

Friday Feb 2nd I have been sewing on a chemise for Zona to day it is pointed. Rachel Jones was here this after noon. Came to borrow some things for Ruthes wedding she marries Askew Curtis next Thursday. Rach and went over to Tills to try to get a white wreath. Till had none. Very pleasant to day.

Saturday 3rd Finished Zonas chemise and did some mending Mr Henry not

so well has head ache from cold very cold to day wind from the north. Gussies' eyes about well Eddies' are a little inflamed yet. No news of importance. Yanks still in town. They do not behave very well but I reckon we must attribute it to their ignorance.

Sunday 4th Very cold all day. Rev Doggett and Jess Case stay here tonight Henry got dinner as Cela went to Mr Step Jones' to day. No one here for dinner but Mr Henry the children and I Mr Bouldin went off with Henry Jones this morning. Henry staid here last night, tis getting near bed time Mr Henry has head ache tonight. He is upstairs with the men. I must dress my sore finger and then to bed.

Monday 5th I worked on Zona a chemise some warmer Mr Henry and Mr Doggett went to town Mr Dogget stays here tonight again. Also Mr Jack Kurkendoll, no news of importance in town.

Tuesday 6th Finished Zona's chemise and cut Pinck a shirt getting more pleasant. Doggett left for home this morning, Mr Henry and Kerkendoll went to town. Mr Henry got some upper leather and harness leather Kurkendoll got a pair of upper leathers for himself.

Wednesday 7th I went to Tills to run off some yarn. Did not get home till dinner. I want to fix some yarn to knit Capt Bouldin a pair of gloves. I finished Pincks shirt very pleasant. Little misty rain. Mr Henry went to Sandy Bottom to see Mrs Glenn about the toll gate, she was not at home.

Thursday 8th I have knit some on Mr Bouldins gloves it is so course and rough I will not knit it of that thread but get some other I think my head aches a good deal this evening. A relation of Mr Henrys stays here to night a McClure of Gaston Co. He is out hunting a stolen horse.

Saturday 10th Sick all day yesterday with my head and nearly all to day it is nearly well this evening. Till spent yesterday evening with me brought some very nice apple butter. Mr Henry went to town yesterday. He heard some one had taken some hay of his so he went to see about it, they had taken it through a mistake. Mr Henry in the house all morning with me went to the mill after dinner, Daniel Ledford brought up two washing tubs he has made. He is working for Mr Henry now.

Sunday 11th Warm and cloudy all day, a little mist of rain this evening. Mr Henry and I had a very pleasant walk I enjoy a stroll with him very much Eddies jaws have been swollen some for two or three days I don't know what is the matter. It has nearly gone away now he does not fret any with it, he is a dear good baby tries to climb up by a chair. I received a letter from Eugenia last friday she is still greiving about her lost children she has three dead. I know it was a sad trial to her devoted heart. Zona spent the night with Hattie Alexander at Capt Moores last tuesday and Pinck went to Mr Normans on Wednesday night.

Monday 12th Feb 1866 Knit some on a glove for Mr Bouldin tis very rough yarn I will get Lizzie Bently to spin other yarn, rained nearly all day very mudy. Mr Henry gone to Sandy Mush to get some bucket lumber will not be at home before tomorrow.

Tuesday 13th Spent most of the day at Tills helping her weave some bridle reins, Mr Henry came this morning has head ache because he did not get coffee this morning at Dr Candlers, Matt will be at home in a few days.

Wednesday 14th Rained after dinner Henry and Mr Bently killed two hogs this evening. Mrs Common stays here tonight. The weather has been very warm for several days seems like spring.

Friday 16th I suffered a good deal with head ache yesterday but took some salts and feel very well to day very cold yesterday but some warmer to day Mrs Common went to town yesterday. Boston has quit work here.

Saturday 17th Mrs Green came here yesterday and left this evening some warmer to day. Mary Rollins has a very sick child Mrs Green and I went to see it this evening it has sore throat. I finished Mr Bouldins gloves this evening he has gone to Marshall to day. Mr Henry in the house most of the day.

Sunday 18th Rained all day Matt and Mr Blackwell came this evening she is very glad to get home Mr Bouldin has not come.

Monday 19th Knit some and nothing much done Mr Henry about the mill. No news of importance all are well Bouldin came this evening.

Tuesday 20th Had the hen house cleaned and make nests Matt and I made Dan a shirt and Eddie a pair cloth shoes, fair and warm but very muddy. Cela is sick so Matt & I will have to cook.

Wednesday 21st Sent Tena the cloth to wash as Cela is no better Matt does most of the cooking no news of importance.

Saturday 24th I have had a very severe attack of head ache for three days have done nothing Mr Henry stays with me a good deal when I am sick he is very fond of his family. No news the weather very pleasant.

Sunday 25th Feb 1866 Mr Henry and spent the day at Capt Moores, Willie was with us he got tired of the long walk. Capt Moore seems on decline a good deal old age I think.

Monday 26th Cut Gussie two shirts of under bases. Times are very hard with us and nothing to buy with I hope for a better day soon Mr Henry went to town no news.

Tuesday 27th Finished one shirt and began the other Mr Henry has headd

from his grey mare. A negro stole her and has her now in So Ca he speaks of going soon to look for it.

Wednesday 28th Finished the shirt Mr Henry at home about the mill. No news Cela still sick. Still having fine weather.

Thursday March 1st Calm and quiet to day Mr Henry will start in a day or two to S. C. Mr Hoods school was out yesterday he begins again first of April I will be glad when Bouldins time expires.

Friday 2nd Cela is getting well got dinner to day Fannie washed for us yesterday this has been a beautiful day Mr Henry started to So Ca this morning I do hope he may get his mare. We do have a bad time of it it really seems we were born under an unlucky star. May our Heavenly Father watch over and take care of my dear husband in his wandering.

Saturday 3rd I have been putting out some shrubry in the yard to day and went to the grave yard after dinner and cleaned off my little baby's grave, and set out some things. Bouldin went with us Matt did not go. Her and Bouldin are taking on at a desperate rate they enjoy it I guess in their way I am sure I could not enjoy such familiarity. Warm and pleasant. Had the garden plowd up yesterday.

Monday 5th I was quite sick yesterday with head ache but feel entirely releived to day I cleaned all the children as I was too unwell yesterday. I will do some little things this evening. High winds and cool.

Tuesday 6th Jim Nicholds or some one changed cows with us last Saturday night took one we got from Nicholds and brought the one back we had swapped to him tis a very mean trick he is a galvenised yank so we can't expect any thing better of such people. I have been mending some.

Wednesday 7th March 1866 Warm and fair done some gardening to day. All are well, no news from Mr Henry. Tena here this week making soap.

Thursday 8th Cela ironed as I hired Maria to wash for a peck of corn. Matt and Bouldin still taking on.

Friday 9th Mail brought no news. Very pleasant. Did some gardening to day.

Saturday 10th Spent the evening at Miss Tilda's. Received a letter from Mr Henry he was at Anderson C H last wednesday has heard of his mare. I do hope he may get her. I had a letter from Sister Jane and Matt. Matt is still with Sister Jane they are very well pleased with Spartenburg.

Sunday 11th This is Willies birthday his is five years old. Gus was three last thursday. Things have changed greatly with us in the last five years my head has pained me a good deal to day but better this evening, fair and pleasant.

Monday 12th Till was confined last night she went to preaching at Sardis yesterday it only lived a short time a premature birth. She is doing very well. My head is nearly easy this evening. The children went over to see the little dead babe at Tills they think it very small. About seven months baby.

Tuesday 13th I went over to Tills a while this morning she is getting on finely. Sewed some on Bouldin a shirt. No news from Mr Henry I do hope he may get his mare.

Wednesday 14th Cela washed Rose got dinner I finished Bouldins shirt and cut Zona some pantletts spent the evening at Tills. Very pleasant. Bouldin went to town.

Thursday 15th Cloudy and warm finished Zona's pantletts since dinner I want to write to Eugenia Hopson this evening. I began a pair of cotton socks for Mr Henry this evening I hired the waggon and oxen to a man to haul potatoes at three dollars a day only for to day.

Friday 16th Made Zona a pair frilled pantletts. Head ached a good deal before supper but some better now. Rev Dogget stays here to night he brought us some very nice cabbage. Late I think for them. Rather cool this evening.

Saturday 17th High N W wind all day very cool and disagreeable. My head well this morning I have knit most of the day. Bouldin in the dumps. Matt can do any thing with him, he is nearly crazy about her is perfectly infatuated.

Sunday 18th March 1866 Very cool this morning ice in the dining room and upstairs. Pleasant now (three o'clock) Matt Zona Gussie and I spent the morning at Miss Tills, she is getting on finely. My head does not feel very well I hope it may wear off. No news from Mr Henry I do wish I could hear from him. I hope he will soon return. May a kind Providence watch over and protect him is the prayer of his devoted wife.

Monday 19th I knit some to day, very pleasant. No news from Mr Henry. All are well.

Tuesday 20th I had scouring done. Nearly all the house. Matt and Zona spent the day at Mr Steph Jones yesterday got some crissanthums. She took them to the graveyard this morning and planted them and some other things. I had head ache yesterday. Matt is very kind to me when I am sick.

Thursday 22nd Mr Henry came home yesterday got his mare. Cousin James Robert Love came with him, on his way to Asheville. I had head ache

all day yesterday. Mr Henry came by William Tidwell. They are all well. He brought me a beautiful willow basket. He thinks of me when he is away I have finished my flannel skirt and began one for Zona. Spent the evening at Tills she is getting on finely.

Friday 23rd Finished Zona's skirt rained all day. Mr WmMiller of Henderson staid here last night he left this morning in the rain. Mr Henry and Cousin Love went to Asheville yesterday, he will not leave for home till morning.

Saturday 24th Matt spent the day at Tills I made an apron for Rose and finished off Dans apron. Warm and pleasant.

Sunday 25th High wind from the north. Matt and I went to Tena's before dinner. Henry Jones staid here last night. No news of importance.

Monday 26th Cold and windy. Cut Pinck a shirt and sewed some on it worked some in the yard. The things are growing finely. Matt and Bouldin have had a split up.

Tuesday 27th Sewed some on a shirt for Henry Matt is making one for Edd. Charlie is at work here he got in a scrape stealing corn of Steph Jones Mr Henry took him out of jail. He and Kate are working at eight dollars a month. My head aches some this evening.

Wednesday 28th Thursday 29th March 1866 I have suffered a great deal from head ache yesterday and today it is some better this evening. Mr Henry and I found some turkey nests this evening, Very cool high wind & spitting snow. Cela washing today.

Friday 30th Cold and calm. I have made a blanket & will do some gardening this evening. I have made a solemn promise to Mr Henry this day to quit snuff or tobacco in any way and I intend to keep it I know

it is injuring me and by Gods aid I will keep my pledge.

Sunday April 15th Some time has passed since I last wrote. I have broken my pledge it seems I can't quit my bad habit though I think it is injuring my health. I will try to use it more moderately. Mr Henry is so anxious about my health. I hate very much to greive him but that is a habit that has grown on me so tis nearly a part of my self.

Nothing of interest has transpired in the last two weeks, we have had beautiful weather apple trees are nearly in full bloom, peach trees have shed nearly all their bloom. Some peaches are killed by the frost of last week but still plenty left so far. Joe Russell and Bently took the cattle to Fines Creek about a week ago he took the goats last fall. I hope they may do well Mr Henry speaks of sending the sheep as soon as they are sheared. I had a very severe attack of head ache last week last three days. Kate does the milking now we get more milk than when Mrs Bently milked, Willie found my knife last week I lost it last summer, it was very rusty but Mr Henry soon got it open, it does very well now. Willie was so proud when he brought it in. I am teaching him at home Pinck and Zona are going to Mr Hood. Mrs Boyd and husband spent the morning here. Mary Curtis and Jim Presly married to day at Mr A B Jones a run away match she certainly has made a bad selection.

Monday 16th Knit some to day my head aches some to day mail brought no news this evening the children are learning very fast they like to go I am glad to see them trying to excell Pinck is a noble generous boy has a good disposition. Zona is a little pettish and cross. May God bless us in our children.

Tuesday 17th April 1866 I have had head ache all day, knit some and

took a nap in the arm chair after dinner. Mr Henry laying off some hill side ditches in the land Negro Jim is to tend. Him and Sam are our best renters it seems.

Wednesday 18th I cut Rose a dress and Edd a shirt I made the dress and Matt is making the shirt. Mr Henry got me some snuff last Saturday he said he had nearly as soon give me poison I wish I could quit it on his account. I will take it very moderately. Willie went to school to day for the first he is very well pleased, says he is going every day.

Thursday 19th It has rained every day this week the ground is very wet. I want to do some gardening as soon as it dries a little Willie gone to school again I have sewed some on a shirt for Bouldin to day Mr Henry got the shirting in town.

Friday 20th Still raining Zona staid with Mollie Hood last night she says she cried I am sorry if she gave them trouble. Finished Bouldins shirt and cut Eddie some dresses of some of my old ones did not sew any on them to day. Willie did not go to school as it was raining some Pinck and Bouldin went.

Saturday 21st I made Eddie a dress before dinner & did some mending in the after noon. Mr Henry sent and got Matt and I some snuff to day also six lbs of coffee. Pinck and Zona attended to Eddie this morning while Rose did her washing they dislike to nurse very much. They planted some sugar cane seed this evening but it rained so they had to quit, the hands then fixed the chaff house for a hen house, there are so many lice in the hen house down here the hens won't sit to do any good. I have greased the setting hens this week.

Sunday 22nd Eddie is one year old this morning at half past five

o'clock Oh! it was troublesome times then I hope I may never have to go through such again a kind Providence has been merciful to us and spared our lives for which we are very thankful. Till and Tom spent the day here also Mary Rollins this evening. Fair and cool to day.

Monday 23rd Cool fires feel comfortable. I cut Eddie three aprons out of duster Zona gave me the last time I was at home. Matt made one & I. Mr Henry about the farm all day planting sugar cane today.

Tuesday 24th I made an apron and nearly a dress for Eddie. Bouldin and Morris had a fuss to day at school. Arch is a great story teller. I think they are both to blame. Willie still going to school the hands have all quit work at the mill except Wiley Knight, John Rollins is carying around the stallion.

Wednesday 25th Sewed some on Bouldins shirt Matt is helping me. Bouldin at school he and Arch have not killed one another yet. I don't either very dangerous. Willie feet are sore from wearing his shoes so he is not at school to day. Gussie misses him a great deal as he has no one to play with, he stays a great deal in the house. It was very windy yesterday.

Thursday 26th Last night one year ago the yanks came here hunting Mr Henry he and I spoke of it last night that was indeed a night of trouble to me. I pray I may never pass such another night. I have done several things to day worked some in the yard hackeled some flax and spent the evening at Mrs Ballews partly and partly at Tills. She (Till) came home with us to get some turkey eggs, the hands gardening to day. Mr Henry went to Sand Hill and I went with him to Pincks. We came back by Tills. Bouldin has gone up to Millers after his pistol, I reckon he will kill

Arch, it is a great pitty too such a brave man should not get to fight at all Tom Miller was killed a short time back in Pickens Dist So. Ca., he was on the scout he killed a man year or two ago, justice overtook him at last. Tis supposed he was murdered for his money and horse. He was a great drunkard.

Friday 27th My head has ached some but I took some pills before breakfast and tis nearly easy this evening. I have knit some to day Matt finished Bouldins shirt this evening. Very warm the ground is getting very hard.

Saturday 28th I have done several things to day washed all the children this evening. I had a letter from Eugenia, yesterday she wants to come up to board this summer. I dislike to take boarders, she will not seem so as she is very pleasant and unassuming I would like to have her.

Sunday 29th Mr Henry and I went up to salt the sheep had a very pleasant walk came back by Tenas Betsey Jamison staid here last night her and Matt have gone now to Mary Knights. Love Muse and Albert Knight were married last thursday night. Rather cool and looks like rain Old Boyd is here this evening.

Monday 30th April 1866 I have done several things. Worked some in the garden no news of importance Matt made Edd a pair pants. Willie has got tired of going to school. I will learn him at home Mr Henry in the farm all day.

Tuesday May 8th Nothing of importance has transpired in the last week. I feel very unwell this morning from head ache and I scoured some yesterday and worked some in the yard, my spine is very sore this morning I am troubled a great deal with pain in the back. I would give anything if

I was stout and robust as Matt. Gussie is not well this morning. Eddie was quite sick last week from sore throat I think. Mr Henry went to town yesterday no news of importance. We are having beautiful weather, the trees begining to put on their summer dress. We still have plenty of fruit if no more frost cuts it off. Kate and Charlie moved to Fannies old house yesterday. Bently began to shear the sheep yesterday Old Maria shearing to day. High winds this morning. I will do nothing but knit unless my head gets better.

Friday 11th I have had a severe attack of head ache one of the worst spells I ever had threw up some blood I fear I will have hemorage of the lungs some day. But hope not I would hate to leave my dear husband and little children never to return again. I pray for health and wisdom to rear up my children. I have sewed some to day finished Zonas' dress and sewed some on Willies coat. Matt is making Zona an apron.

Saturday 12th Finished Willies coat and did some other little jobs. Kate ironed the childrens clothes this evening as it has rained too much to have all the clothes washed. Charlie is working better this year than he ever has. Freedom has helped him. Maria is shearing sheep this week.

Sunday 13th Till and Mag Morris spent the day here very bright and pleasant all day we have been at home enjoying ourselves. The children went to see Mama this morning.

Monday 14th Rather cool and fair I made Gus a coat and picked some wool Matt making Zona an apron. Cela is going to leave for Kentucky in a week or so. I expect to take Kate to cook then. Mr Henry about the farm all day no news of importance going on.

Tuesday 15th Cut Mr Bolin a pair pants sewed some on them. He is

going to get Mrs Jones to cut his coat Mr Henry made Willie go to school this morning had to whip him a little he does not like to go at all says the rocks hurt his feet and makes several excusses for not wanting to go. The hands planting potatoes to day. Matt and I cut part of the potatoes I then cleaned out the smoke house. Rather cool to day.

Wednesday 16th Zona came from school yesterday evening with head ache and had a high fever last night she is at home to day Willie went to school very well this morning. Pink went home with Walter Moore last night I finished Bouldins pants and began his coat. Matt is helping me.

Thursday 17th I received a letter from Matt they are all well it came by hand. We finished the coat before dinner and then picked some wool just got done. Rained nearly all day I fear the children will get wet this evening. Zona went to day she looks pale Gussie is playing about me now. Mr Henry is sitting here playing with him. Eddies bowels are still loose.

Friday 18th No news of importance. Knit some the children gone to school Willie does not like to go at all he will not learn fast I fear.

Saturday 19th My head aches a good deal this evening I picked some wool. Cela will start tomorrow for Kty. I think Rose intends going with her I don't care if she does she worries me no little.

Tuesday 22nd I have had a very bad spell with my head it is nearly well now. Cela and Rose started Sunday I attend to Eddie myself, his bowels are loose but he is very little trouble. Willie stays at home to day as he is not trying to learn he can notice Eddie some Kate does the milking and cooking and washing. Mr Henry went to town to day. I went to Aunt Tenas this evening and borrowed some coffee. We have picked wool

to day.

Wednesday & Thursday 23rd & 24th Nothing of interest to write. Eddie getting better Mr Henry not so well to day kept the children from school to attend to Eddie so I could wait on him. Kate washed to day Matt got dinner Mr Henry some better this evening.

Friday 25th May 1866 Mr Henry some better can sit up a little picked wool. The children gone to school except Willie. Mr Henry had a letter from Eugenia, this morning she wants to come up this summer. No news. Warm and pleasant.

Saturday 26th I have several things to day and am real tired to night. Rained some last night and till near ten o'clock. Then clear till evening and a shower cleaned the children since dinner. Eddie is nearly well. Wonder how Rose and Cela are getting on.

Sunday 27th Mr Henry got so he can go out a little. He got me a handfull of strawberries this morning. Zona and Willie went to get some sulphur water, they got a few. Clear and bright this morning but now cloudy and looks very much like rain. (First strawberries of the season.)

Monday 28th Mr Henry thinks we had some frost last week we had some very cool mornings for the season no news of importance. Some yanks in town. Attending their coloured brethrens wants I hope they may get their fill of them. Mr Henry is getting better.

Tuesday 29th I cut Pinck a pair pants to day and sewed some. Mr Henry thinks we had some frost this morning cool all day. Had a fire. The wind whistles like winter. Received a letter from Sister Matt they are all well, it came by hand. The children all go to school Willie likes it very well for a few days at a time he and Pinck staid with Millard Jones last night.

Wednesday 30th Finished Pincks pants, still cool. Mr Henry still improving. Eddie can't walk yet but crawles every where he does not fret to go out any now he is a sweet baby. Gussie plays with him.

Thursday 31st I had head ache all morning, took some salts and that releived me. I have knit some and read most all day. Matt kept Eddie most of the evening. I would like to get a nurse if I could Pinck hates to nurse so he is a noble boy.

Friday June 1st I took Gussie and Eddie and spent the day with Till, had peas for dinner the first I have seen. Jane Bently went with me to help carry Eddie, Till came back to the top of the hill with me. Two men stay here tonight from Clay Co. William Tidwells' family are well. Organized a militia, co to day up on Hominy. The first since the war closed. Mr Henry did not go he has got a great deal better.

Saturday 2nd June 1866 I made Zona a bonnet of straw I had it wove last summer. It looks very neat the children want to go to Sunday School tomorrow. Pinck attended to Eddie. Rained most of the day. Jack Kurkendall stay here to night. Set out some cabbage and tobacco plants this evening. Mr Henry in the house most of the day.

Sunday 3rd This has been a beautiful day. Henry and the other negroes picked some strawberries I will have them a pie for their supper and we will take cream with ours. Mr Henry off tending the cattle by Wiley Knights. Pinck has Eddie at play. He is a good boy I will ever remember his kindness to me. Pinck, Zona and Willie went to Sunday School. But did not go in the house. Preaching at the Academy Rev. Baldwin, none of us went except Boldin and Kirkendoll from here. Mont Stradly came back with them and took dinner but has gone now.

Monday 4th Old Jennie Tenas' sister came to day to work some for me she is picking wool. I cut Pinck a coat of Mr Henry's old cloth over coat. Sewed some on it. Eddie hinders me a good deal about my work he is a very good baby. Gus plays with him and tries to amuse him.

Tuesday 5th Finished the coat to day. Old Jannie picking wool. Matt in the blues. All are well. Rather cool of mornings our garden looks fine. But we will have but few chickens this summer to fry I took off nine for the first we have about a dozen young turkeys.

Wednesday 6th Began a cap for Pinck of black cloth. I don't get to work more than half my time for Eddie Mr Henry about the farm he has got nearly well.

Thursday 7th Finished the cap Pinck is delighted with it and his marbles Mr Henry got for him to day at town. Cousin Sam Gudger and Col Moore took dinner here to day. Mr Henry came home to dinner no news in town.

Friday 8th I have done little jobs all day. Mr Henry and the children went strawberry hunting, Zona brought me a few. Pinck staid to attend to Eddie. I wish I could get a nurse as Pinck dislikes nursing so much and Zona is too small. The children came home about 2 o'clock as the school had a fishing party after dinner.

Saturday 9th June 1866 This has been a very warm day the first one this summer we had a refreshing shower about 1 o'clock. I suffer with head as I was ironing Kate has gone to help them in the corn a few days Old Jannie got dinner I did some mending this evening Mr Henry washed the children for me they still have the itch it is a troublesome thing and hard to get rid of. I fear the children will have it as long as they go to school.

Sunday 10th Very warm we had our first potatoes to day Jim Henry took dinner here Till & Tom spent the evening with us. Pinck and Willie went to Sunday School at the Academy. Zona staid with me. Mr Boling left this morning he had a letter from Tenn, telling him to get away. I think he hated to leave.

Monday 11th I have changed an old dress of Zona's for Eddie. No one here but Gus Eddie and I Matt up at Mary Rollins putting in her cloth she wants to get it out by thursday. Very warm to day Eddie has been fretful to day. Mr Henry gone to town as tis court week.

Tuesday 12th Aunt Jennie's grand child Harriet came to nurse for me to day she is to stay for her clothes and feed till fall. Matt cut her cloth out as it did not suit her some way. Mr Henry at town to day.

Wednesday 13th Eddie likes Harriet very well. She is not very sprightly. I cut Pinck a pair pants and Willie a coat sewed of the pants Willie likes to go to school now. We had a very hard rain to day some thunder and lightning. Kate working in the field, no news of importance.

Thursday 14th Finished the coat for Willie Matt is going to try Mrs Bently to weave her cloth. She is in the blues still. Rain again to day.

Friday 15th I have done several things to day Harriet is not very attentive to Eddie, he is a good baby children came home early from school. Guss is very quiet every day no one to make a noise with.

Saturday 16th I am very tired to night as we have scalded and scoured the house Pinck and Harriet carried most of the water Pinck is a dear good boy does not murmer at doing any thing for Mother I pray for health and understanding to govern my children right.

Sunday 17th June 1866 Dr Candler staid here last night Matt speaks of going down there soon. I don't think she will go. Old Boyd and wife took dinner here they left soon after. Mr Henry and I spent the evening with Pinck Ballew. We took Eddie and Harriet. Eddie was delighted with little Hester wanted to kiss her all the time. Mr Henry and I stopped to fix a crossing place for the children. I sent Harriet on. I came on soon after. But Harriet and Eddie were missing. I started back to hunt them knowing she did not know the road. I ran up on the hill by Miss Tilda's and called Till came with Eddie I was very glad to see. I was really distressed about him. We had gone that way in going to Pinck's we had some rain this morning.

Monday 18th I have done several things to day. A gentleman came here to get board for himself and two ladies I told him we could not take them. He is going to try Mr Henry. Matt is making a calico dress Mr Henry got her last week. She is getting over the blues.

Tuesday 19th The man back again to get board. He did not see Mr Henry yesterday. The ladies came over with him to the spring. They did not come down here. I have done several things to day.

Wednesday 20th The boarders are to come to day. I am sorry of it. Mr Henry took them in at 75$ a month for the three. I hope they will not be troublesome. We cleaned up stairs for them I went to Tills this morning to take some indigo wool & thread to dye for Mr Henry a suit of clothes.

Thursday 21st Mr Marshall, Miss Hall & Miss Marshall are our boarders. They seem to be very nice ladies. Very social I have done some little jobs to day and very little of anything.

Friday 22nd Court still in session Mr Henry has been every day last week except Saturday & every day this week. I have done some little things.

Harriet cleans up stairs. Rained some this morning.

Saturday 23rd Kate washed for the boarders to day I helped a little. Betsy stays here to night I bathed the children in the branch Zona and Willie cried but Gussie laughed. They still have itch.

Sunday 24th Mr Henry the borders and Zona went to church at Sand Hill Academy. Very warm this evening Betsy still here. Harriet went to see her Mother yesterday so I attend Eddie. Mr Henry has head ache is lying down since dinner. I must stop as I have to churn Sunday as it is.

Sunday 15th July 1866 Three weeks have past since I wrote in my dear old journal. I have been so busy I have not had time to write. Aunt Jennie got so insolent I dis missed her a week ago she took Harriet with her so I have had my hands full. Eugenia has come up to spend the summer. She staid near two weeks here has gone to Col Catheys now Sallie Cathey came for her last monday. Dub has been cooking some for us but he left when Jennie did. We have had some very warm weather & still so.

The borders seem well pleased Mr Marshall is not here now has gone to Columbia been gone near two weeks they our boarders are very pleasant. Young ladies. Eugenia is in bad health. I think she will have consumption if it has not already set in.

Eddie can walk and tries to talk he is a very affectionate child so fond of me wants to kiss very often especially if I scold him. Gussie attends to him when I am out. I need a nurse badly wish I could employ one. A Mrs McAfee is here to day trying to get some weaving to & work generally to do. Mr Henry had some hands at Woodfins farm last week cutting grass to get the seed he staid one night they were three days cutting will go again this week. Our June apples are ripening. I must stop and eat some. Miss Hall,

Miss Marshal, Zona & Willie gone to church at Sulpher Springs Academy , soon time for them to return.

Sunday 22nd July 1866 I have been so busy this week I have not had time to write, I am worn out with dredgery and it seems it will not be any better for some time. Robert Tidwell came here last week. He and Matt went to see their Mother last Wednesday I kept Zona at home to attend to Eddie, They came back yesterday. I have made Gussie a yellow body & Eddie a dress of the same and done a great many other things. I must go and get supper to night as Matt is gone to Tills. I don't know whether she will be at home to night. My head pains me a good deal this evening Kate is so contrary I think I will have to turn her off. Very dry needing rain badly our beans and cucumbers doing no good. Lord send us rain.

Monday 23rd Sewed some on Pinck a shirt very warm it is nine o'clock nearly every morning before I get to house cleaned and things done up generally and then I have the beans to string. I cut some pants for Tena's family this morning.

Tuesday 24th Some rain this morning. We are needing it badly. Finished Pincks shirt and cut some more pants for Tena's family. The children at home to day they are a heap of help to me.

Wednesday 25th Mr Henry, Misses Hall & Marshall gone to Woodfins Mountain for a view. We scoured the house the children helped. Miss Addie Barrers (one of my Salem teachers) husband stays here tonight. Mr Everhart he is to leave tomorrow.

Thursday 26th Spent the day in ironing and some mending Mr Henry and others came this evening. Some rain tonight, we have not had a good season yet.

Friday 27th Mending all day & fixing a dress of mine for Kate. Zona at home tending Eddie.

Saturday 28th Read most of the evening. My head aches and I feel badly. Mr Marshall came yesterday evening. Cousin Robert Love & Mr Edwards staid here last night so we were crowded. Bob Tidwell is still here I wish he was some where else.

Sunday 29th We went to church at Sand Hill a house full of people took all the children but Eddie Matt kept him, a little rain this evening. So cool and pleasant. Mr Henry is hurrying me to bed so no more to night.

Monday 30th I have sewed some on Willie a shirt I get such little time to sew. Zona attends Eddie she is very kind to him Pinck and Willie go to school. And Gus spends most of his time with Henry and Charlie with the waggon.

Tuesday 31st Finished Willies shirt to day no news of note. Bob Tidwell got drunk and fighting generally so he is now in jail he could do well if he would but tis hard for him to do right.

August 1st to September 2nd 1866 I have neglected you old journal for a long time, but I have felt so badly part of the time and been so busy I have not had time to write I was very busy getting the children ready for the examination. Zona looked very sweet in her swiss I got them all shoes and hats before the examination it came off on the 21st inst. and the day after we started to Pisgah. Camped between the two Pisgahs (big & little) we enjoyed it finely. Eat a heap of huckelberries that evening. Slept but little that night as some of the party were up all night we had a very confortable tent. Got up long before day and had breakfast, then started to the top of big pisgah as soon as we could see to walk. We had

about 20 in the party. We wanted to see the sun rise but it was so misty. But we had a grand view, staid up there some two hours, and took lunch when we came down about 9 o'clock. Eddie did finely Mr Henry carried him up the mountain. I know he was very tired. But never complained. ~~We took~~ We took Charlie and Kate along. We came down the Mountain after dinner and camped a mile or two this side of Little Pisgah. We all slept that night, we all walked down the mountain. Mr Henry rode and carried Eddie I enjoyed the trip down the mountain finely laughing at Kate and the jennie I rode it up it went on finely. I was very sore when I got home my legs and hips. We found a man and his wife here to get board when we got back. We took them in they are very pleasant no trouble at all Mr McGrill & lady. He is old man and she a young lady. They occupy Mr Marshall room as he left the 30th of July. On business to Columbia. I don't know when he will return. Miss Marshall & Miss Hall want to go to Black Mountain this week Mr Henry and McParker started for his cattle and goats at Joe Russells this morning. Will be gone several days. I hope he may get all of them. Corn crops will be short this year on account of the dry weather we had a good season last week the first in six weeks. I think I have let Eddie suck the last time, as I have no milk and it is not good for him now. He loves it so good I do feel so sorry to have to deprive him of it.

Sept 3rd Monday Mr Henry left yesterday for Spring Creek to see after his cattle will be gone several days. I cut up my old flounce gingham dress and made an apron of it for my self. Cut two others of it Pinck is going to school to Ellen Hawkins at the Academy I will start Willie soon. I don't know whether I will send Zona or not as she is such a help with eddie.

Tuesday 4th Made an apron. All the borders and Matt went to town except Mr McGrill. We had a very heavy rain and high wind this evening.

Wednesday 5th Made an apron and did some other little jobs. McParker came home this evening says Mr Henry will be at home in a day or so I miss him sadly when he is gone. "the days are sad without him".

Thursday 6th Began Mr Henry a shirt it tires me to sew steady I will try to finish it tomorrow. We have very nice peaches the trees back of the garden are breaking down. We have a nice chance out drying it has been a bad week on fruit so showery.

Friday 7th Finished Mr Henry's shirt before night I went to meet him but was sadly disappointed he came while we were at supper we were so glad to have him home again, the boarders play every night seem to enjoy it finely I don't feel like romping now so I read and knit in my room.

Saturday 8th I have knit some getting the childrens winter socks ready. Mr Henry went to town and after dinner started back to Spring Creek on business rather unexpected he will be out most of the night, I wish I could go with him home is not home with out him.

Sunday 9th Miss Marshall, Hall and Pinck gone to church in Asheville, the others out walking I must soon stop as my head feels badly, I have head ache a great deal I am not as stout as usual at such times I hope tis all for the best.

Monday 10th Rained all day Mr McGill & lady left this evening. I made some hankerchifs and cut some pants after dinner. Mr Henry has not come yet. Mr Sol Blackwell stays here tonight. No News of importance we had rain yesterday evening Miss Hall and Miss Marshall staid at Mr Reynolds' & Pinck at Dr Hillards they came home this morning.

Tuesday 11th Sept 1866 I made Henry a pair pants. Matt is helping Miss Hall. Mr Henry got home about 3 o'clock got a horse and waggon on the debt of security for Russell. We were glad to see him.

Wednesday 12th Mr Henry went to town as tis court week. Mr Marshall came this morning a brother of the one that was here. Newt Taylor came this evening on business I think I wish we were clear of our debts. I made Pinck a Pair pants Kate & Mary washing I have to hire washing every week. Kate is so lazy.

Thursday 13th Made Gussie a pair pants and sewed some on Willies. Mr Henry went to town no news very warm. We have some very nice peaches. Pinck and Willie go to school they like it very much. Bently is drying fruit the peaches are rotting badly. Those that are cut.

Friday 14th Mr Henry and Mr Marshall went to town came back to dinner. I finished Willies pants. The Marshall Co will leave next week. They want their clothes, this week Miss Marshall is hard to please in her clothes.

Saturday 15th I have head ache all day I took a nap since dinner tis better now. I have knit and read most of the day. Mr Henry and Marshall went to town and back to dinner, they leave on Tuesday next.

Sunday 16th Rain all day, camp meeting going on Mr Henry and Pinck went, he has come home Pinck is still there, no one has tented it is only a quarterly meeting I sent Charlie after Mr Henry but he missed him and has gone on to the camp grounds the children are playing about generally I will stop and eat some peaches.

Monday 17th Very pleasant and warm I have done several things to day nothing of note. The boarders leave for Black Mountain tomorrow will be gone

several days. We had a beef killed Saturday evening it was very fat I made some candles this evening.

Tuesday 18th The boarders left this morning I cleaned up stairs it was very dirty under the beds Matt don't sweep nicely. I have knit some.

Wednesday 19th Scoured up stairs & down only my room that was scoured yesterday evening. I am real tired this evening. Mr Henry very busy trying to get a hack done for Glance they have come after it and are waiting for it.

Thursday 20th I have been fixing up the house my heart ached very badly this evening I took a nap and it helped it. They got off with the hack this evening.

Friday 21st Cool this evening. The boarders came. Some rain to day I have made a saque for my self of linsey faced with black.

Saturday 22nd I made Eddie a sacque trimed it round with blue tis very neat. Still cool but no frost yet I think I have done ods and ends since dinner.

Sunday 23rd At home all day Mr Henry went to preaching at Locust Knob did not return till after supper. The boarders went to the episcopal church in Asheville. Still cool and fair.

Monday 24th The boarders have gone to Cedar Mountain & c Will be back in a week. I will miss them when they leave. Miss Marshall gave me a nice dress pattern this morning and Pinck a knife, Willie a french harp, Gus a ball & Zona and Eddie a dress each. She is very generous indeed. Mr Henry has started to Spring Creek for his cattle since dinner went to town before dinner got me some bleached domestic a pair of shoes some sugar and coffee, I must stop as I want to go to Tills. Spent the evening.

Very pleasantly with Till, they move to Georgia soon.

Tuesday 25th Matt and I made Mr Henry a pair pants. Kate washing. Nothing of importance going on. Some of the neighbors making molasses rather cool but no frost yet. Should we have frost it would ruin a heap of corn.

Wednesday 26th Made Gus & Willie pants Matt helped me. The children are not going to school this week or last as Miss Ellen has given two weeks to fodder. They are full of life the noise worries me at times.

Thursday 27th Mended some and then we sewed on Pincks coat. Eddie frets a heap I think he has worms. He looks badly but has a good appetite.

Friday 28th Matt went with Till & spent the day at Mr Rich's with P___ who has a son I finished Pincks coat and sewed some on Willies. The children go gathering chenquipins every day there are a great many. I string them they are very proud of their beads as they call them.

Saturday 29th September 1866 Finished Willies coat and did some mending fair and pleasant, I expect Mr Henry this evening hope I may not be disappointed. I have washed the children to night.

Sunday 30th Cloudy. Mr Henry did not come last night I expect him to day. I think the borders will be back this evening. The children all gone to get chinquapins. Matt is attending Eddie.

Monday Oct 1st I had a letter from Mr Henry by McParker saying he would not be at home before the middle or last of the week Mc came yesterday and brought some of the cattle Joe Russell has sold some four of them he was a thief surely after all Mr Henry's kindness to him. So goes the world gratitude is seldom found in any class. The boarders came late this evening they are delighted with the scenery. I think Mr & Miss Marshall are taking

on slightly. I have been fixing an underskirt to day did not finish it.

Tuesday 2nd The boarders leave tomorrow for Warm Springs I finished my skirt to day. Nothing new going on.

Wednesday 3rd They left about 10 o'clock I never expect to see them again though Miss Marshall spoke of coming back next summer. I cut Zona and Willie a pair drawers and sewed some on Willies the children are going to school this week Pinck & Willie Zona thinks she can't leave her mother. I hope she may always be as affectionate as now.

Thursday 4th I spent half the day with Till finished Willies drawers. She is not so well, threatened with miscarriage again. Mr Henry came home to day after dinner brought us some chestnuts. We were glad to have him home again.

Friday 5th Made some tape triming for Zona a pair pantletts Matt wants to go and see her Mother soon. She sleeps up stairs with Pinck & Willie, Zona and Gus in my room on the trundle bed. They have a time who will sleep with Mother when Mr Henry is gone so they take it by turn.

Saturday 6th There was an agricultural meeting here to day, some half dozen men, mostly from Asheville. Kate washed up my room this morning I finished Zonas drawers to day. Was down to see Mrs Mary Knight this morning who was confined last wednesday with a daughter and not doing so well. Rather cool but no frost yet to injure any thing.

Sunday 7th October 1866 Mr Henry went to church at Locust Knob and came home to dinner bright and fair to day. He and I took a walk to the brick yard. Dr Candler was here when we came back he stays here tonight.

Monday 8th I cut Zona two chemise worked some on one the bleached is very hard to sew so stiff. I am embroidrying one with turkey red the

other will have tape triming. Mr Henry went to town brought a bundle Miss Marshall had left for us she sent Zona two little vases very pretty & some other things.

Tuesday 9th Still at work on Zona's chemise. No news of importance. No frost yet, but cool.

Wednesday 10th Finished one of Zona's chemise and began the triming for the other. Matt went home with Dr Candler this evening to spend a week or so she does not like to stay down there at all. I don't know why. Mr Henry went to town came home to dinner.

Thursday 11th Sewed some on Zona's chemise Zona attended Eddie she is a nice girl. Willie does not like school much I am affraid I will not raise him he is rather delicate. I fear his lungs are diseased.

Friday 12th Finished Zona's chemise and began to fix a dress of mine. Mr Henry at Clayton's foundry in the morning and at Mr A B Jones' after dinner some rain this evening. Tom Morris moves to Ga in a week or two Till will not go before spring. Old Mrs Holloway goes to keep house for Him.

Saturday 13th Mr Henry went to town got Eddie a pair shoes. He is very proud of them. I finished my dress this evening & done several other things. I have the churning done in the house & get more butter I think I take it up myself.

Sunday 14th Cool but no frost. Mr Henry gone to preaching in Asheville as Conference is in session. Began last Wednesday. The children went to Sand Hill to preaching. Mr Hood preached his farwell sermon. He goes to Clay Co. Eddie has kept me company I took him down to Mrs Knights to see the baby he was delighted with it I expect Betsy Jamison up soon so I must stop the children have come from church.

Monday 15th October 1866 I began a dress for myself of the curtain Miss Marshall gave me. I will make a waist of it for my debaize skirt. We have had a little frost not much. We have no turnips this fall or cabbage either. We have some nice radishes and plenty of dried & green fruit, the hands are gathering the apples.

Tuesday 16th Finished my dress before night. Zona tend Eddie she is a very good nurse to be so small. Pinck hates to nurse very much. Eddie tries to say every thing any one tells him.

Wednesday 17th I spent the day with Till took Zona Guss & Eddie Mr Henry was over there making Mr Morris molasses on the new cast mill he got of Clayton. It does very well. I sewed some on my waist. I have head ache this evening. From eating boiled cabbage I think for dinner.

Thursday 18th My head ached some all day. Mrs Alexander spent the day here. I finished my waist. Fair and pleasant we have a little frost nearly every morning now. They are still gathering apples. Will soon be done.

Friday 19th Sick all morning with head ache better since dinner. I began to fix my debaige skirt. Mrs Parker here shearing sheep skins. Mr Henry over at Mr Morris' till after supper. They get on slowly with the molasses.

Saturday 20th Finished the dress & did some mending I thought Matt would come this evening but she has not. Pinck is tending Eddie to day he tends him Saturday and Sunday and Zona all the week.

Sunday 21st The children have been off chustnut hunting they did not get many. Mr Henry & I are going to walk now. The children will stay here. Warm and pleasant to day. We went to Mr Wm Reynolds and spent the evening.

Monday 22nd We have cool mornings but pleasant through the day I made Willie a pair drawers. He and Pinck go to school. Zona tends Eddie she is very careful of him. Gus plays about generally.

Tuesday 23rd Nothing of importance going on we are having very pleasant weather I have fixed some drawers for Gussie. Matt has not come back yet. I have not heard from her since she left.

Wednesday 24th Fixed some skirts for Eddie he can say any thing you tell him so I can understand. God bless us and our children with health & contentment is my daily prayer.

Thursday 25th October 1866 I cut Eddies linsey dress & nearly finished one. Rather cool all day.

Friday 26th I finished one dress and began the other it fits very neatly. Mr Henry about the mill most of the time.

Saturday 27th Mr T L Morris had a sale to day he leaves soon for Ga. A great many are moving from Buncumbe and indeed every where. Capt Thrash leaves soon for Texas. I finished Eddies dress this morning and have done other little jobs a negro was buried at the Academy this evening the children and negroes went. Kate took Eddie. Poor negroes they sicken and die and no one cares for it.

Sunday 28th Rev Dogget preached at Locust Knob he staid here last Friday night. He is quite an ordinary man. Mr Henry went to hear him preach. Till spent the day with me. We had a slice patato pie for dinner our first and last one I expect. Aunt Tena sent me a few potatoes this week. The children gone to see Mammy except Eddie. Esq Thrash took dinner here. Dogget is here tonight.

Monday 29th I cut Pinck some dresses Eddie some flannel skirts and

pillow slips. Made Eddie a skirt, rained nearly all day. Mr Dogget left in the rain. Kate twisting some stocking yarn and sewing thread.

Tuesday 30th I took Zona behind me Mr Henry Eddie and spent the day at R S Jones. Mr Henry went up to Mrs Greens and came by for me in the evening. Tom Pinck Jones is in last stage of consumption, can't live long he looks very badly. He is resigned to death Zona fell off the plank fence at Mr Jones gate and got her leg between the horse block and fence I was frightened so, I feared it was broke but was very thankfull to find it was not.

Wednesday 31st I made Eddie a skirt and sewed some on Pincks drawers, very pleasant. No news.

Thursday Nove 1st Till spent the evening here helped me sew on Pincks draws nearly got both pair done. Got the cubboard home Mr Henry got Tills also her spinning wheel & some irish potatoes. Mr Morris left yesterday. Till says she is lonely at her mothers.

Friday Nove 2nd They brought the cane home and began to grind to day. I finished Pincks drawers, cleaned the cubboard, washed some wool and made four pillow slips. Some fine wool I cliped from a sheep skin last night. Mr Henry wants me to crochet some baby stockings for the fair in Asheville which comes off the 13th of the month.

Saturday 3rd Warm and pleasant I made four pillow slips and did some mending they are making mollasses. The children get very dirty at the boiling. Mr Henry has gone to an agricultural meeting on Reems Creek. Got home after supper. Pinck and the children went up to the Academy for his coat. Some one took it I suppose. I sent Zona & Willie to Tena's to take the fine wool to spin.

Sunday 4th Mr Henry & I went out to see the goats this morning. They are having kids the hogs have destroyed some. He has taken Eddie and gone now. The children all gone to church at the Academy to hear the yankee preacher. I must stop as tis late. Sun down nearly and I have the trundle bed to bring in. As Gus wets it nearly every night and then I want to go to Mr Henry down by the mill to look after the goats.

Monday 5th Began to point a chemise band for my self. Perry Gaston called here to day to get some white China Asters for a wreath for Tom. Pinck Jones coffin, he died last night. I gave him what I had. He is to be burried tomorrow at 11 o'clock.

Tuesday 6th I went to the burrying alone as Mr Henry was expecting Col Hatch. Two o'clock when I got home. I came by Mr A B Jones to get Till to come home with me she promised to come tomorrow & spend several days.

Wednesday 7th Finished the band and sleeves & began to crochet some baby stockins for the fair which comes off next Tuesday. Till has not come.

Thursday 8th Mr Henry went to town since dinner Till came this evening Mr Andy Jones took dinner here I have croched all day have one pair done all but balls and bow.

Friday 9th November 1866 Croched all day Till sewing on my chemise. Mr Henry went to town. No news.

Saturday 10th Had head ache till after supper lay in bed part of the day but finished off the stockins. Finished our cane last night. Mrs Bently moved her things to John Rollins yesterday evening. Bently is gone, they were about to get after them for adultry.

Sunday 11th Rained nearly all day old Boyd and wife were here for

dinner and old man named Freeman from Ivy Madison Co. He staid here last night and will be here to night again he is a rank tory.

Monday 12th Tills mother sent her word to come home she left this evening she and I have been at work on some little skirts for herself. I am to finish them. Mr Henry went to town as tis court week.

Tuesday 13th Mr Henry off to town I sewed on the skirts got both pointed they killed a hog this evening. Some men stay here tonight from court neighbors.

Wednesday 14th Finished the skirts and began Eddie a quilted bonnett of two sorts of calico scraps Mr Henry gone to town. Doc Tidwell came this evening also little Jacobs that was here last winter.

Thursday 15th The children Pinck Willie and Gus went to Mrs Caroline Jones from school. Raining this morning so I sent for them. Willie and Gus came home but Pinck went on to school. Finished Eddies bonnett and my chemise. All the beds full of men last night I expect the same tonight, it takes me till 9 o'clock every morning to clean the house Mr Henry has been to town every day I was sorry to see him go in the rain this morning but he had to go.

Friday 16th Pinck at home to day as his shoes are bad. Presley is to make them some next week. Presley began to tend the saw mill last Wednesday. We are to board him two meals. I don't like that.

Saturday 17th Mr Henry off to town. Jacobs left yesterday morning Doc gone to his mothers to day. I finished my chemise to day Kate and Mary Jones scoured all down stairs. Very neatly. No company tonight.

Sunday 18 November 1866 Cool and cloudy all day Mr Henry went to old Boyds this morning he lives in the old Hood house. Near Sand Hill. I expected Mr Henry to dinner but he has not come yet. I must stop now and

make up a fire he will come soon I think.

Zona has four kids in the yard and three old goats she puts them in the cellar every night. To keep the hogs from them she is very attentive to them.

Monday 19th Court still going on in town Mr Henry gone over Mr Bob Hawkins and Rev Doggett stay here tonight. I have made Zona a short saque to day and cut a dress for her. Jack Humpaes is still at work here commenced when they were making molasses. He seems to be a good disposed boy.

Tuesday 20th The children and I sorted the apples Pinck has not been to school this week as his shoes are bad Presley is to make him a pair to day. Jennie scoured up staires this evening where the apples were. I sewed some on Zona's dress. Mr Henry did not come home last night as he was on the jury of a negro murder case. He will be home tonight Mr Penly staid here last & is here tonight. Doc came back this evening. He says Matt wants to come home but has no way of coming.

Wednesday 21st Finished Zona's dress. Mr Henry off to town Pinck got his shoes yesterday and Zona hers to day. Rather cool to day. One of those negroes is to be hung the other branded.

Thursday 22nd Cut three caps for myself. Will work one with turkey red one with white and put tape triming on the other. Sewed some on one.

Friday 23rd Finished my cap. Very cool or colder than we have had yet. We have had a beautiful fall people are late gathering their corn. Some one is stealing corn out of almost every ones fields that is what comes with freedom.

Saturday 24th Mr Henry has not been to town yesterday nor to day Doc went yesterday they Branded the negro the other is to be hung the 21st Dec. I have done ods and ends all day.

Sunday 25th Cool and fair. Col Jarrett and Mr Alexander were here this morning. The children gone to see mamma but Eddie he is asleep. Mr Henry wants to go to Wiley Knights when Eddie wakes and I am going with him. Doc & Jack gone to church at Locust Knob.

Monday 26th November 1866 I cut Willie a coat and pants and Pinck a pair pants, sewed some on Willies coat. No news. Mr Henry gone with some hands to work on the road. Intends to put up a toll gate soon.

Tuesday 27th Finished Willies coat and began one for Jack. Mr Henry comes home at night the hands stay on the road. No news of importance. Miss Ellen examination comes off the last of this week. The children like her very well.

Wednesday 28th Finished Jack's coat. Rather cool to day Doc is still here I think he will stay awhile and work in the waggon shop.

Thursday 29th Rained all day the hands came home off the road. I made Jacks pants and sewed some on Pincks. Mr Doggett stays here tonight I fear he has no pure religion in him.

Friday 30th Fair and cool the children all went to the examination except Eddie he has been very good. No trouble Mr Henry about the mill. I made Pincks pants. Lizzie Bently came this evening to hire to me I think I will keep her a while. At 75 cts a week. Enough I think.

Saturday Dec 1st Lizzie rid the beef guts and made some sausage and other things I have done several ods and ends. Mr Henry over at Mr Claytons most of the day Doc gone to the toll gate he sent us word he was sick with colic since dinner. Charlie and Jack killed a Beef yesterday evening the one we swaped with Doggett for it is very nice beef. I made some hair oil of the marrow. Lizzie has done very well to day.

Sunday 2nd Cold and clear. Mr Henry & Pinck went up to see Dc Pinck & Doc came home. Mr Henry has not come yet ~~b~~t I expect he stoped at Mrs Owensby's for dinner. Lizzie gone up to see her mother at John Rollins. Her & Bently have parted. Rumor says they have never been married they were about to get after old Mrs Branton for living with old negro Sie she ought to be whipped good I think. Negro John has moved back to Buncombe.

Monday 3rd December 1866 Mr Henry gone on the road he wants to finish it this week I hope he may we miss him so at home.

The children have enjoyed the day finely. I imagine as they have been very noisey it has been too cold for them to play out so they are have had horses of chairs. Willie is growing some stouter I think he can reach and put the comb on the mantle peice in my room by tip towing he thinks tis something wonderful I am going to teach them till they get a school. Pinck and Zona recite very well but Willie can't keep his mind on it long at a time. Pinck is studying Grammer geography reading & spelling. He dislikes arithmetic & writing but I have him to try both.

Miss Ellen Hawkins stays here tonight tis very cold & sleeting this evening. I have made a night cap to day.

Tuesday 4th Mr Henry came home tonight but will leave soon in the morning I will be glad when he gets done. Home is not home without him. Much warmer this morning it rained some last night Ellen went home this morning. The children have done very well with their lessons, I sewed some on a cap.

Wednesday 5th Pleasantly warm we have had a beautiful winter so far no snow and very little cold weather Mr Henry will not be home before

the last of the week he thinks. He talks a heap of nursing off my hands when at home. Yet Eddie to sleep it worries me so nurse him. Eddie is a very affectionate baby thinks no one can nurse him but his ma. He can say nearly any thing he tries. Zona is still very devoted to the goats I wish they were out of the yard as they have eat nearly all my shrubery.

Thursday 6th Pinck & Doc went to the toll gate. I thought Mr Henry would like to come home, Jack came last night and said he wanted to come tonight but Pinck has come and says Papa is not coming Jim Ledford has a shucking to day.

Friday 7th Matt came back to day she seems discontented some way I hope she may soon get over it she is pleasant enough when she will be and makes herself miserable at her will. Doc made me some patent right winding blades. Very well done for him.

Saturday 8th Christmas will soon be here. Gus tells me he is going to have a knife then. I told him sometime ago if he would not cry till Christmas I would get him a knife. He thinks he must have it though he has cried every day since I told him. I must try to treat my little school Christmas. I like to see them enjoy themselves it will not be long that they are children. When I look at Pinck & Zona I think I shall soon be an old woman. I tell Pinck he must quit growing. He says Mother you will get older if I do stop growing. Mr Henry came home this evening. Done the road for a while. This has been a lovely day. It rained nearly all night but cleared off this morning & bright & warm.

Sunday 9th Cooler this morning than yesterday wind from the North. But bright and a warm sun where the wind don't reach you. No news of importance. I will stop as I have nothing more to write and dinner will

soon be in.

Monday 10th My journal is so monotonous I am tempted at times to lay it aside entirely but Mr Henry tells me it will interest my children at some future day and I wish to live in their memory long after I am in the silent tomb. They perhaps may read these pages with interest after the hand that penned them lies mouldering away. If it will add any to their pleasure and content to give them all I can to contribute their happiness.

The hands killed three hogs. We have five more at home and some out to fatten on the shares which will make us plenty of bacon. I have made some bureau covers & cut Zona's and Eddies dress Miss Marshall gave them. Very cool and fair today.

Tuesday 11th Lizzie fixed up the lard. I have been at work on Zona's dress. Matt shearing some sheep skins as she wants the wool. Doc is still here he goes to the ~~teel~~ toll gate nearly every day. They went after some men yesterday evening for not paying. The gate is giving Mr Henry some trouble he went to day and the men paid. I helped Jennie make some sausage to day.

Wednesday 12th I am still at work on Zona's dress got it done this evening. It fits very neatly. Cold and fair. I teach the children every day. Willie is very careless about learning the others seem to try more than him.

Thursday 13th December 1866 Sewed all day on Eddies dress will finish I hope tomorrow I am tired of them. Mr Henry about the place all day I fear he will have trouble with Jim Ledford about the rent Ledford is dispose to act the rascal.

Friday 14th Pinck and Doc went to Asheville to a gander pulling. Doc

got one gander head. Pinck is delighted with the trip. I finished Eddies dress this evening. Lizzie has been ironing some. Mr Henry went to work on the western pike to day cool this morning but fair. The negroes are hauling in the rent corn from Jim Moores. Henry came home last night from hauling at Mr S W Stevins.

Saturday 15th Cold & sleeting. I pity the stock as we have no cow house or sheep house either. We will soon get more milk as Muly had a calf last Monday. And some of the other cows will be milking soon. I will be very glad as we do not get enough for the table. I have done ods & ends all day.

Sunday 16th Cloudy & the ground covered with sleet and the trees have a heavy coat of ice. Melting a little now. Nearly 12 o'clock. Mr Henry gone to old Boyds he will have a bad time for walking. I want to look the childrens heads so I will stop this time.

Sunday 23rd A week has elapsed since I wrote I have had nothing of importance to write we have had some very unpleasant weather the yard is very muddy now. I hear no talk of Christmas though tis close at hand. The children talk a heap about it. Gus says he will get a knife. I have made some little cloths this week nothing much. I started to Mr A B Jones with the children this morning but found it so muddy I came back. Cloudy all day a little rain tonight. We had no dinner as Jennie has been gone yesterday & to day. To get some wages due her. Doc and Pinck started to Clay Co last tuesday to be gone about two weeks. I miss Pinck a great deal he is such a help. Does any thing I want cheerfully. He was so anxious to go I let him go to gratify him. Zona does not do things half so cheerfully as Pinck. May God protect my little boy in his wandering.

Monday 24th December 1866 I have spent the day in fixing things for the childrens Christmas. Baking and decorating. I have fixed a table in the hall with their little presents cakes candies & c since they went to bed Gus says Santa Clause will bring him a knife. I wonder if Pinck will hang up his sock tonight. This has been a very pleasant day.

Tuesday 25th The children up early anxious to see their presents. I took them in the hall after lighting the candles. They are delighted with their knives & the nice things on the table. Eddie thinks a great deal of his rag doll. He is a very affectionate child I can't scold him he comes and wants to put his arms around my neck every time I speak cross to him. He is a dear child.

Mr Henry & I spent the day at Mr A B Jones' as Pet is quite sick. Lizzie has been gone all day I don't think she will come back again. The children want to shoot their crackers all the time Eddie is affraid of them. I hope they have enjoyed the day as much as I want them to I love to see them joyous and happy, cares will come too soon any way to their young hearts.

Wednesday 26th Jennie and Lizzie both gone. Matt and I have every thing to do we did our first milking Mr Henry helped us. He had all the feeding to do. As Jack is not here. Mr Henry has gone to town to day I have spent most of the day in cleaning up generally in the kitchen and dining room. As Jennie has left every thing dirty. Lizzie has left us gone to Haywood with her mother to live.

Thursday 28th I have done but little sewing mostly out doors work. Matt is very good to help. Very cold this morning. Some snow, wind from the North & high. I got very cold when I was milking. Matt got breadfast I

milked with Jacks & Mr Henry help. It tires my hand a good deal to milk but I would soon get accustomed to it I think. Zona can milk nearly as well as any of us she is very fond of it.

Friday 28th I sewed some & got dinner. Henry Jones was here so Matt had to entertain him. I fed the hogs at dinner. Jannie has not come home yet. Don't know when she will.

Monday 31st December 1866 The last day of the old year. The last time I will write 1866 in my dear old journal the old year has past with its joys and cares the new year what may it bring us of lifes blessings I hope we may be more prosperous another year may a kind providence show a smiling face. I have had head ache for three days tis nearly well tonight. Matt had her hands full till Saturday evening Jennie came. Cold and unpleasant all day. Farwell old year you will soon be numbered with the things that were.

Tuesday January 1st 1867 New Years day what changes may take place before I date another new year. Or I may not be on this beautiful earth at another year. I trust in Providence I may be spared to raise my dear children. I have cut some little clothes but sewed but little. Now no news of importance going on. We are having some very cold weather a good deal of snow.

Wednesday 2nd Still cold I have sewed some. I tend Eddie nearly all the time as Zona dislikes nursing so much. He is very little trouble he is such an affectionate little dear. Tries to sing "hop a dudle do" he tries to talk can say some words right plain. Mr Henry thinks there never was such a child. The children still have their goats in the cellar they spend most of their time working & playing with them Eddie is affraid of

the old goats. I sent him to shut the door the other day he met the old goat at the door it frightened him so ever since when I tell him to go and shut the door he says goat so he don't go.

Thursday 3rd Sewed some made two shirts (infants) I had a letter from Matt yesterday saying sister Jane had twins I know she has her hands full. They were born 19th Dec a boy & girl. Mr Henry about home all the time.

Friday 4th Still very cold snow melting a little nothing of importance going on did some sewing to day.

Saturday 5th I have mended some & ironed some, still melting the ground is very slopy. Jennie does the milking and cooking & some washing. I think she will leave soon negroes get tired so soon they are not contented long at a time at one place.

Sunday 6th January 1867 Cold wind from North. Mr Henry at home till after dinner then went to old Boyds. Jane Jones came this evening she is going to work with us awhile at 75 cts a week. She seems to be willing to work. Jack went to Haywood yesterday after his cloths & came back tonight. Matt went to mothers to day she sent for her. She only wants to stay a week.

Monday 7th Jennie left us this morning she wanted higher wages I could not give her any more than I gave Jane Jones I have sewed some on an apron. Helped Jane clean the kitchen since dinner.

Tuesday 8th Sewed some. Still snow on the ground & has been for near five weeks. Snowing some this evening. Mr Henry about the mills all day. Two negro womane have been washing for me to day. They only washed half the day and are to come tomorrow to finish.

Wednesday 9th Fair all day snow melting off the South sides rapidly. I have made two infant shirts today. Mr Henry about the mill. No news of

inportance going on. Some movers stop here tonight from Transelvania by the name of Queen.

Thursday 10th Mr Henry gone to Joe Greens sale of land his widow has married a Mr Brian recently. The movers stay here to day. Some snow this morning but faired off about 10 o'clock. Mr Henry had to walk as Doc took his saddle I think Doc has acted badly taking the saddle & keeping Pinck out there so long.

Friday 11th The movers left this morning. I am glad of it I think they are another Terry set, great rowders Mr Henry about the mills fair & thawing some. I am getting very helpless my back hurts me so much.

Saturday 12th Still thawing very little snow now. I have worked some on two little flannels intend to point one with linnen and embroidry the other with tidy cotton. As we are so poor I am not able to buy a little cruel to work with. What is to become of us I don't know I think it will take every thing we have to pay the heirs of old Mr Henrys estate I wish he had kept it all & not been governed by William Tidwell. No word from Pinck & Doc yet. All are well.

Sunday 13th Cloudy and warm some snow on the north side. Eddie is not well his bowels loose. Cold I reckon.

Monday 14th Worked some on the little skirts got one pointed. No news. Some snow on the ground yet. Mr Henry spends most of his time at the mill. Killed four hogs to day Tena rid the guts. She is more accomadating now than ever.

Tuesday 15th Tena done up the lard and helped make sausage. I have worked some on the skirt cold and clear.

Wednesday 16th Still cold nothing of importance going on. I have

worked some on the skirt. No news from Doc and Pinck. I am not teaching the children now. But will begin soon again. Eddie is the most mischievous little thing I ever saw climbs into the cradle bed or any where he wants to he is a dear affectionate child.

Thursday 17th Finished the two little skirts they look very neat. Mr Henry at the mills all day. Very cold high wind from the north.

Friday 18th Made some little things very cold but no wind. Jane is making a very good hand.

Saturday 19th I have done ods and ends as I generally do on Saturday I had to get dinner as Jane is sick. I had just got things cleaned up and George Peak and Mr Sumner came so I had to get their supper. I don't think I was ever so tired as I am to night. Zona helped me all she could. Mr Henry washed the children.

Sunday 20th Snowed some last night & all day to day this evening tis about ten inches deep. Mr Peak & Sumner here all day. Old Daniel a nigro Pa used to own came here to day moving he wants to stay here but Mr Henry is not going to employ him.

Monday 21st Cloudy but no snow fell to day we have enough for one winter. I hope. Mr Peak and Sumner left to day old Daniel is going to hunt him a home in a few days.

Tuesday 22nd Snow melted some not much though John Hendric began to work here yesterday. Pinck & Doc got home last Sunday night very well pleased with his trip. He has a beggar or memory string full of buttons. The other children had to have one too so I hunted up buttons all sizes & colors & strung them up. They will soon loose them I imagine Eddie has his. Zona fixed it up with old keys & things generally.

Wednesday 23rd January 1867 I began an apron. Snow melting slowly. the earth beginning to peep out on the south sides. Mr Henry at the mill all day. Daniel has not got a place yet. Snow has been off the ground entirely for aeveral weeks we have had some very cold weather and a heap of it.

Thursday 24th Began a little gown intend to enbroid it. I want to get it done this week for I don't know how long I will be able to work Jane is not so good a hand as Lizzie Bently was.

Friday 25th Worked on the little gown got it nearly done Snow still melting some. Daniel not got a home yet he seems to be greatly disappointed by not getting in here.

Saturday 26th Finished the gown it looks very neat Emily (Daniels wife) washed some to day for me, she seems very willing to work at any thing & seems to be very nice about her work I would like to keep her a while.

Sunday 27th Clear and cold wind from the North. Doc went for Matt yesterday they will be here soon I expect. I would be glad Matt would marry she is so dissatisfied here. Pinck Zona and Willie have gone to spend the day with Mrs Ballew's children. Gussie and Eddie are playing in the back piazza. Mr Henry in the room all day with me. He is very kind to stay with me when I can't get out. Mr Henry went after the children this evening fearing they would stay till it got too cold Matt and Doc came this evening.

Monday 28th I got an old dress from Matt to make Eddie & I some aprons. Made mine to day . Matt made Eddie one. Doc went to town to day. No news of importance going on.

Tuesday 29th Made Eddie an apron & done some other things. Mr Henry

went to Sandy Bottom since dinner. Warmer than it has been snow melting gradually. Still a good deal on the ground.

Wednesday 30th Croched some on some little stockings they look very nice. I heard this evening Mrs Morris has a fine son born Monday night she and the baby are doing well.

Thursday 31st I am still crocheing on the stockings it is very tiresome I will be glad when I get done. Mr Henry went to town and got the children some school books they will start to Sand Hill School next week. Pinck is delighted with the idea of going, Zona don't like it much.

Friday Feb 1st 1867 Emily scoured the house down stairs. I am crocheting some little socks for Till done one pair they look very neat. Warm still thawing, snow nearly all gone. The yard is very muddy the house will not stay clean long. Mr Henry tending the mill as Rollins has gone to town.

Saturday 2nd Very warm some rain last night and the first thunder of this year. It seems like Spring to day. Mr Henry a bout the mill. I feel very unwell to day took cold last night and I expect tis something else too. I will be so glad when tis all over with. Rachel Jones has just left here came to get a broom. I sell them at twenty five cts a broom.

Sunday 3rd Mr Henry went over to see Till she is doing finely. Mary Rollins & her children spent the day here she is a great bore to me warm & pleasant.

Monday 4th I have been mending most of the day, warm & spring like it seems we ought to be gardening Mr Henry about the mills after dinner. He went to Jacob Starnes' before dinner to get him to look at a little place on his nose Starnes thinks tis a cancer. He is working on it.

Mr Henry is not to speak for two nights after going to bed nor speak before he gets his cloths on. I hope tis not a cancer.

Tuesday 5th I wanted to talk so much last night after going to bed it seemed just because I should not talk that I could scarcely keep my tongue. Mr Henry said it was so with him too. Doc started home this morning. I have worked a frill to day & made some collars for myself.

Wednesday 6th Began Mr Henry some shirt bosoms & made some collars, don't know how long I will be up. Still pleasant. Mr Henry about the mills. Pinck & Zona have not started to school yet as Pinck shoes are so bad.

Thursday 7th Daniel and family started for Tenn this morning. Fair and bright. Betsey Jamison came here yesterday evening she is to stay with me awhile. Jane Jones went home this evening her mother is sick & sent for her. I finished the shirt bosoms. And out some Quilt squares Betsy and Matt will have plenty to do now. Mrs Long was here a short time to day. Betsy is ironing, Matt cooking.

Friday 8th I have croched a pair infant stockings they are very nice. Mr George Peak stays here tonight. I think we will have some rain soon as tis so warm Mr Henry has been to Sandy Bottoms did not get home till supper. I trimmed Eddies hair for the first time. He sit very still he seems so proud of it.

Saturday 9th Raining this morning. Mr Henry and Mr Peak gone to town. They will be gone till night I expect. I have trimmed all the childrens hair and have knit some. I expect to knit this evening Betsy is spinning. Matt cooking.

Sunday 10th Fair and very cold Mr Peak started this morning. Mr Henry went to Capt Moores came home to dinner. The wind blew very hard

last night. But calm this morning.

Saturday night Feb 16th Nothing of interest has happened. Mr A B Jones got his house burned last Wednesday morning about 5 o'clock. Mr Henry saw the light when he got up, they lost a good many things, supposed to have been an accident. Mr Henry has tended court every day this week in town. He got up a subscription for Mr Jones and got nearly all they need now. I have done several things this week. I don't think I can stay up another week. Mr Henry has gone to bed and all the children. Very warm frogs singing, last night & night before, but none tonight as tis some cooler. I must go to bed don't know when I will write again maybe never. But hope I may write many a book yet for my dear children to read when I am called home to Heaven above.

Sunday 17th Unwell all day Mr Henry sent for the Dr H this evening he is here tonight also Mrs Ballew I cannot stay up much longer Mr Henry & I went down to Mrs Knights this morning. Warm and pleasant, grass begining to show a little in spots now. Mr Henry wants to start to Tenn tomorrow. I hope I may do well so he can go.

March 11th Monday 1867 I am about well again I put on my clothes yesterday for the first time our baby a (boy) was born Feb 18th twenty minutes after four in the morning (Monday) I suffered a great deal from 1 o'clock till after four. I did not sleep any all night Mr Henry left for Tenn the same day wanted a R R contract. Came back on Saturday following. I was very glad to see him my baby has been a good deal of trouble at night and is yet. Betsy has gone to keep the toll gate went last Thursday a week. She is very well satisfied. Mrs Morris has spent a week with me. She has gone home this evening I hope she will come back

soon. Mr Henry went with her. I fear it will tire her to carry her baby so far. My baby rests very well in day time. My eyes are not strong so I will stop this time & lay down and rest a while.

March 12th Tuesday Mr Henry brought me the first peach blooms. I have seen to day. He is ever mindful of me brings the first flowers of spring weather.

Saturday 16th I have done nothing all week but knit I am afraid of straining my eyes to sew yet. No news of importance Mr Henry stays at the mill most of the time as Ruff Miller is sawing for Mr Jones' house. They move in the kitchen part to day.

Sunday 17th Mr Henry Pinck & Zona went to church at the Academy to day warm & pleasant. Osborn (a young man Mr Henry hired about a week ago) is very unwell with a cold I think. He is very thinly clad.

Monday 18th My baby is a month old to day it still has up some nights with it. I hope it will soon get over that. Mr Henry is so kind to get up with it when I am tired & sleepy. It kept us up till near 12 o'clock last night. He would nurse it some & I some. Jane Jones went home yesterday evening. Kate is staying till I can get some one Jane will be gone two weeks if she comes back then which I doubt.

Tuesday 19th Matt & Pinck went to town she got a big bill of goods for these hard times. Money is nothing to her. Cloudy & cold this evening.

Wednesday 20th March 1867 Osborn has been sick all the week not confined to the bed but not able to do any thing. Old Charlie Pendland is here to night Mrs Eliza Knight is staying here now came yesterday morning before breakfast. I want to keep her till Jane returns if she ever does. I have sewed a little this week on a quilt. My back is still

very weak and gives me a good deal of pain. Rained all day yesterday. ~~Till noon to day looks some brighter this evening but not fair yet.~~

Thursday 21st This is Zonas birth day she is eight years old to day. She is a great deal of help to me nursing the baby & c. Rained till dinner to day still cloudy this evening. Eliza is not very nice about her work but seems to try to please me.

Friday 22nd I have a sore finger the fore one on my right hand it bothers me some in writing. I can't sew to do any good I don't know what is the matter it first come a crack nearly two months ago it hope it may prove nothing serious. I have knit most of the day. Eliza washed. Matt got dinner. This has been a beautiful day. Mr Henry about the mill all day. Telitha Jones married Else Wilson last Tuesday poor girl I pity her as he is a drunkard.

Saturday 23rd I have knit some Eliza ironed & got dinner I washed the children this evening. Some cooler to day Henry Jones stays here tonight. He is flying around Matt I don't think they will ever mary she is too full of notions. Mr Henry went to Sandy bottom got back before night.

Sunday 24th This has been a beautiful day till late in the evening it rained some then. Jim Henry was this evening. He is a radical I think. His baby died about a month ago that is two sons they have lost. Mollie takes it very hard. I am tired out of staying in the house days weeks months & years glide by & I have to stay here a prisoner with my children & no recreation. I try not to repine at my lot there are a great many in this world in a worse fix than I "Lord bless us with content."

Monday 25th Fair with cool wind from the North Kate making soap and washing Eliza gone to Riches to day Matt got dinner I have mended some

& knit some, my finger gets no better my baby is fretful every evening. Hives I think, it is no trouble now at night only will not sleep out of my arms which bothers me a little.

Tuesday 26th March 1867 Raining this morning Kate has come to finish the soap. Mr Henry about the mill I will knit some I must go now and get out dinner. The little spotted heifer had a calf to day a small heifer calf. Mr Henry about the mill to day.

Wednesday 27th I have knit some, Kate still at work at the soap, she is very slow. I Mr Whitmire from Henderson Co. took dinner here to day. While he was here some one stole his pistol out of his waggon at the mill I think it was negro George as he greased his waggon. He is a dreadful rogur.

Thursday 28th & Friday 29th I had head ache very bad all day yesterday but tis entirely well to day Mr Jack Shipman staid here last night he went to Ledfords to day conserning that mule so Bill Ledford brought the mule home this evening. Those boys are very unprincipled. I reread Rose Clark yesterday & to day tis very interesting.

Saturday 30th Mended some Eliza went home this evening I have been very busy since dinner tending both children as all the other children went with Mr Henry to pile rocks. They were delighted and wanted to go again. I began to milk but it hurt my sore finger so bad I got negro Jane to finish Muly. Jane came while I was milking. She is to milk till Eliza comes back.

Sunday 31st Mr Kirkendoll & wife spent the day here after dinner we went to see a coon Mr Penland had in a steel trap above the old dam. The children were highly pleased with the walk but did not like to see

it killed. It rained some on us before we got back. Matt took care of Eddie & the baby.

Monday April 1st I have mended some. Went with Mr Henry over to where they are choping saw logs Jim Cannon is hauling. Pinck & I came back together Mr Henry staid there. Eliza came home yesterday evening her mother and sister came with her the latter left this morning. Fair and wind from north rather cool peach trees not in bloom yet but showing the bloom a good deal.

Tuesday 2nd Mr Henry made an April fool of me last night by telling me Berry Hogan had come. We were eating supper. I did not think of it at first we had a good time after wards I must fool him tomorrow or soon I helped him take some sheep to the Joe Green field enjoyed the walk very much my babe is very good now no trouble at night.

Sunday 7th April 1867 Nothing of importance has happened since I last wrote. Mr Henry and I spent the day at Mr Jones'. Till leaves next wednesday for Ga. I am sorry to see her go she has been a good friend to me in my troubles I think more of her than any one in the neighborhood. Her baby is very large to its age. I have made a shirt for Mr Henry which was nearly all I done. Zona is very good to tend the baby murmers sometimes. Eddie is not looking well has worms I think.

Monday 8th Cloudy all day with a little rain to night rather cool I fear the peaches will be killed as they are in full bloom. Sewed some on Mr Henry's shirt. The baby has fretted a heap to day. Not well I think. Little Savannah Night died last Wednesday morning of croup.

Tuesday 9th Still at work on Mr Henry's shirt nearly finished it to day. The baby has rested very well some rain to day.

Wednesday 10th Finished the shirt and bagan a sack for the baby out of Zona's old waisted dress she tore it nearly all to pieces Sunday when I was gone. Kate Night & Bud were here, so the children had a gay time.

Friday 12th I suffered a great with head ache yesterday and to day till after dinner. It is easy this evening. Fair and windy yesterday. Rain to day. Old Walker (a Tenn) came here to day claims Mr Henry's stallion, I don't think he ever saw the horse before. He is here to night. I think he is a mean man.

Saturday 13th I have done several things, washed the childrens heads cleaned the Spring and did some mending. The old man Walker is still in the neighborhood he intends stealing the horse I think. Mr Henry went to Sandy Bottom to day did not get home till night.

Sunday 14th This has been a beautiful day Matt and Eliza went to the Academy to church. Mr Henry also. My head ached till after dinner then easy. Old Walker stays here tonight Kirkendol & Miller sleep at the stable to night. Some one cut Henry Jones clothes up badly last Saturday as he came on from town. He did not know the man. I think it some one that is a friend to old Walker.

Monday 15th Cloudy and cool this morning. I did not rest well last night as I was uneasy about Walker being here. Mr Henry slept very well Matt slept in here as Eliza went to Wiley Nights. I am going to make some snuff & fix some old dresses for myself.

Tuesday 16th April 1867 I fixed an old dress yesterday turned it up side down. It is too long I will have to take it off the waist again. Mr Henry and Kerkendol sleep at the stable the old man came last night and demanded the horse, he did not get it. I hope he may never get it. I don't

think he ever saw the horse till he came here.

Wednesday 17th Scoured and scalded the whole house old Mrs Snider helped Eliza. She seems to be a very good hand. Poor old creature I reckon she very needy. Matt got dinner. This has been a lovely day Mr Henry at the mill and out on the farm all the time. Some men came here last night hunting Cane, (a negro) he has been doing some mischief on Mills river broke in a store. It frightened me a good deal I thought it was Old Tenn after Mr Henry he was sleeping at the stables.

Thursday 18th Mrs Snider washed for me she is a nice washer. I have done ods and ends mending & c. Old Tenn is still in the country.

Friday & Saturday 19th & 20th I have knit nearly all day. I cleaned the yards and smoke house and scoured the privy the children & I . Mr Henry had some beans planted this evening for the first. The children tried to die them some eggs. But did not succeed very well. Tomorrow is Easter. Pinck went home with Mr Gaston's children yesterday evening & came home to day.

Sunday 21st Mr Henry and I went over to Mrs A B Jones who is sick. Mag Morris came back with us but only staid a short time. Willie got hooked by a cow this evening (nan) in the mouth it was a very bad looking place at first I thought he was ruined. Mr Henry sewed it up, he bore it very patiently. Dr Hillard came late at night and took another stitch plaster on it. He cried some when the Dr sewed it I think it was getting sore. Mrs Kirkendoll is here tonight also Elizas mother & papa.

Monday 22nd Eddie is two years old to day he is very fretful more trouble than the baby. Willie seems to be doing very well he has been up most of the day. Eliza went home yesterday, will not be back in several

days Jane Jones had been here to day. I have done but little. I feel so distressed about Willies lip. Mr Henry went to town to day. He slept in the house since Saturday night, as Kirkendol had the horse up on bent creek saturday night & last night Old Cochrarn slept up there with Kirkendoll.

Tuesday 23rd I halped some about dinner we had our first lettuce to day. Willie is doing finely has a good appetite lives on soup & mush & milk he goes about the house & out in the yard a little. I helped Tena make some harness since dinner.

Wednesday 24th Some rogue went in our smoke house last night and took some of our meat they dug under I think it was Came. Two men staid here last night on hunt of Came I hope they may find him they found some of the goods he had stole. At Ike Hawkins. They took him & his wife to town to day. Mr Henry has gone up on Bent Creek or Sandy Bottom to day some rain this evening and rather cool we had some hail last Monday evening.

Wednesday 8th May Two weeks has passed since I last wrote but nothing of interest has transpired I had the head ache very badly last Sunday and Monday. Old Dub died last night negroes die when ever they get sick Jannie came here yesterday evening she is looking very badly. Eliza Night came back yesterday. Mary Muse has been staying with us a few days since last Thursday. We are picking wool now, have a good deal to pick old Mrs Snider is helping. She has sheared some and washed the wool. I had my loom brought home to day I want to put in a piece of cloth this week for Zona and Eddie some dresses. Bark dye I am not able to buy indigo. I want to get some indigo to colour some wool Mrs Peter Luther came to see Mr Henry last week to get a job of jeans making. I want a nice piece made for Mr Henry's clothes. I don't want Jennie to stay here she is of no use to me.

Thursday 9th I have deen sick all morning with head ache but some better this evening. Mrs Cook & Ella Lawson were here to day. Ella is to stay with us a while at 75 cts seventy five cts a week Mr Henry the children and Matt went to Dubs burial to day. Mrs Cook kept the baby for me.

Friday 10th I have mended some I want to get the children some clothes wove as soon as possible as I have to patch every week. Eliza & Matt put in the cloth to day. No news old Tenn is still in the country.

Saturday 11th This has been a busy day generally mending & c. Elza wove some & went home after dinner is to be back on Monday. Fair & warm things growing beautifully the woods getting green.

Sunday 12th May 1867. Mr Henry in the house all day evening he did not get home from the turnpike meeting till after dinner went up on French broad last Friday morning. I took a long walk this morning. Had to whip Pinck & Willie I sent them after one of the cows (white muly) they went catching fish in the race. The water was let off yesterday evening from some cause. I dislike so much to punish my little children. Pinck is a good boy but very thoughtless. Willies mouth is nearly well but will make an ugly scar. I fear Pinck offered me all his fish if I would not whip him. It hurt me so worse than it did them but I had to do what I thought was my duty.

Monday 13th Mr Henry & Louise Jones started to Marshall this morning. Got as far Asheville & heard Maj Rollins had gone to Hendersonville, the Jones boys owe Mr Henry for the grey mare. They were both in Kirks command. I fear he will never get any thing from them.

Tuesday 14th I cut Gussie some bodies & sewed some on one to day

fair and warm no news of importance.

Wednesday 15th I finished the body it fits very neatly Eliza and her mother came here to day. Mr Henry gone up the creek to buy some oxen. Frank's brought home our cows (they have had) last night. Mrs Snider washing wool.

Thursday 16th I have wove some this is my first days weaving I wove a little over half a yard the children bother me so I can't work half the time. Zona attends the baby Pinck Willie & Gussie mind the cows over the creek. They are delighted with it.

Friday 17th I have been weaving some not much & mending some. Mrs Snider is done the wool and trying to dye some black. Ella is doing very well nothing of importance going on. I had a letter from sister Matt last monday they were all well Pa has moved up to the place where Bery lives he is not satisfied so Matt says I reckon no place seems like home since the house was burnt poor old man. His troubles are great. We all have our troubles "every heart knoweth its own bitterness."

Saturday 18th My baby is three months old to day it can laugh & try to talk and pinch the breast I have to feed it some. It is a very good baby. Eddie is a dear affectionate child can say nearly any thing he had the old cripple hen in the churn churning her to day. He is full of mischief. Gussie is tall enough to reach latch of the middle door.

Sunday 19th Fair and warm Matt and the children went to the Academy to church. No preacher came the negroes have Sunday School at the Academy. I have not been to preaching in nearly two years at the Academy I went once last summer to Sand Hill. Betsy, Laura Glenn & Lou Shipman came down to day for dinner they stay here to night Mr Henry at home. All day Mr Henry

& I went out walking took the baby and Eddie the others children went down to Mrs Knights Pinck went with us up to Mary Rollins.

Monday 20th Some rain this morning. After Betsey & Co started, but fair now. Mrs Snider still trying to dye black & Picking wool. I have done nothing of note to day. I want to write to Matt this evening if I can find an envelope. Matt is weaving some to day. Mary knight has just left says she will come up tomorrow and weave for me. I wrote to Matt this evening. Rather cool a fire feels confortable.

Tuesday 21st Mr A B Jones spent the day here. I filled quills for Mrs Knight and sewed some on Gussies body. Mr Henry about the farm all day. Pinck, Willie and Gus mind the milk cows on the other side of the creek. Zona stays with me she is a great help to tend the baby and Eddie when I have to be out. Mr Willis fixed new steps to the back piazza to day it is much better to go in and out than it was. It was really dangerous.

Wednesday 22nd I finished Gussies body. Mrs Knight wove two yds & a half yesterday. Mrs Snider not here to day don't know the reason. She washed some yesterday when she was dying. Rather cool all day.

Thursday 23rd Mr Henry and Pinck went to town took old Nan. Mr Henry wants to sell her. She is so bad to throw down fences. I have done some mending to day.

Friday 24th Nothing of importance going on in the country Jim Henry has not returned yet, Mollie is very ill. I have fixed Zona's gowns yesterday & to day.

Saturday 25th Mr Henry had the tomb stone taken up to the grave yard to day. I went along our little babys grave looks very neat. I worked some in the yard after I came back.

Sunday 26th This has been a beautiful day. Mr Henry went to preaching at the Academy Evanes preached. He has gone off to walk since dinner.

Monday 28th Tena weaving for me I have filled quills & picked some wool. We had a very hard rain this evening. Mr Henry & I put out some cabbage plants. Tena mother has been here to day picking wool.

Tuesday 28th Mr Henry & I went fishing this morning for a jack fish just below the dam Pinck caught two little fish. All the children were along but the baby.

Wednesday 29th I have been busy all day fixing for the examination at Sand Hill it comes off tomorrow. Mr Henry went to town this morning came home to dinner, he received a letter from Lou to day some rain this evening.

Friday 30th I went to the examination at Sand Hill yesterday came home & went to bed before supper sick with head ache. Betsy stays here tonight. The young people went to the entertainment last night at Sand Hill Pinck and Zona went also. Mr Henry staid with me. Old Granna staid last night. Pinck broke Zona's vase last night hunting a taper to light the candle after they came home. I am sorry of it Zona thought so much of her vases.

Saturday June 1st I have ironed and mended some the children went to hunt strawberries this morning found some very nice ones.

Sunday 2nd Matt went to Glenns with Betsy last Friday to spend several days. This has been a lovely day Mr Henry about the house all day.

Monday 3rd I have picked some wool. Mrs Ballow spent the day here. She is going to teach a school at Sand Hill. Mr Henry signed four I shall miss the children a good deal they are such a help tending to the baby and

doing little jobs generally.

Tuesday 4th I cleaned up things in the house & kitchen as Ella is washing to day picked some wool after dinner Granna still picking wool. I will give her some wool and syrup this evening & let her go. For I would not feed her for her work.

Friday 7th I have had head ache for two days but did not have to go to bed all the time. I pained me a while this evening. I took a nap and it helped me a great deal. Pinck attended to the baby he is a better nurse than Zona, she is cross to the baby.

Saturday 8th I ironed some before dinner. After dinner Mr Henry, Pinck, Zona and I went to hunt strawberries in Mrs Jones fields found a nice chance had a pleasant walk. Ella tended the baby Mrs Long called here this evening.

Sunday 9th June 1867 Warm needing rain. Mr Henry Zona and I went to preaching at the Academy (Miller & baptist preacher) a large congeragation. A negro girl was burried up there after preaching. The negroes are dying off rapidly. Mag Morris came home with us and took dinner. We had some very nice strawberries and cream. Meg has gone home Ella is going to milk. I must get out supper while Sidney is asleep. The children start to school tomorrow. I shall miss them a great deal. Matt has not come home yet. Mr Henry has some little pigs in the yard he feeds them. They are growing very fast. I have two hogs in the pen that I claim they are growing very well.

Monday 10th This has been a long lovely day to me the children all gone but Gus Eddie & the baby. It has been very quiet all day I miss them a great deal I have picked some wool Sidney loves to be nursed. So I find little time for work.

Tuesday 11th Matt came home to day Lou Glenn with her Lou seems to be a very pleasant girl. Mr Henry has gone to town to day. Went yesterday also. As tis court week. Gussie went to school to day.

Wednesday 12th I made Gussie a pair pants. Rained some this evening, we are needing rain badly. Gus likes to go to school very well. Mr Henry gone to town.

Thursday 13th Mr Henry walks to town every day. He fell on the mill dam and hurt his side last week he complains of it paining him a good deal now. It is very sore I sewed some on Willies pants. Mag Morris & Jennie Presley spent the evening here. We went to the mill to be weighed Sidney weighs eighteen, I 122.

Friday 14th I finished Willis pants & did some little jobs Mr Henry went to town again. We have company nearly every night. Some one attending court.

Saturday 15th I ironed all morning and did several things in the evening. Mr Henry off to town again. He got Ella a hat and set of hoops. She is doing the best she can I think she has a very bad temper, does not try to control it at all.

Sunday 16th Mr Henry Zona & I and the baby spent the day at Sandy Bottom. We got very wet coming home the baby and all we needed the rain badly expecially in the garden. Henry Jones has been here all day he and Matt are flying around considerable but I have no idea they will ever marry she is only doing it for past time I think.

Monday 17th I cut the children some cloths sewed some on Zonas dress I get along very slow the baby is some hinderence and so is Eddie. Mr Henry gone to town court will adjourn tomorrow. Maj Fulton is here tonight.

No news of importance. Sallie Johnston died of consumption this morning, in Asheville. Lou died the 9th May. Jennie had a premature birth last Thursday seven months. I am glad I got rid of her before it happened. Lou Glenn went home last Saturday.

Tuesday 18th Sidney is four months old to day he is growing very fast, and a tollerable good child. Mr Henry has gone to town. I sewed some on Zonas dress. Rained a little this morning.

Wednesday 19th Mr Henry went to Cochrams this morning to get some waggon timber. I have finished Zonas dress. Ella is washing to day. I must stop as Sidney is crying. Matt helped Ella wash she is a very poor washer. Sloven at any thing.

Thursday 20th I sewed some on Pincks pants yesterday evening and finished them to day. Mr Henry went to Cockrams yestorday. And up in the Starns settlement to day we had our first peas to day.

Friday 21st I ironed till dinner & then did some mending Mr Henry went to town this morning came home to dinner. The children came home early from school. Mr Jones run Lizzie Right off from Pinck Ballews yesterday morning for some bad conduct. She has lost a good home.

Saturday 22nd I have several things Mr Henry & I went up to see Tena just before dinner, got some very nice strawberries and mulberries. I did some mending after dinner. We have some beans enough for a mess I think.

Sunday 23rd Rained all day no one here but the children and I Matt and Ella gone to Mary Nights, Mr Henry off some where and Pinck and Willie gone after the cows. I must take the baby to the kitchen and warm it.

Monday 24th Rained some to day. I sewed some on Willies pants, and cut Hanes and Lona a coat. I want to make them this week.

Saturday 30th I have been unwell for several days had colic for two days and then head ache. Doc Tidwell came here last Wednesday night. Will only stay a few days. He speaks of going to Texas. I have made Hanes coat and sewed some on Lona's. Mr Henry is very busy on the farm. Grass grows fast such weather as this.

Sunday June 31st 1867 This has been a very warm day, young Riley a beau of Matts spent the day here Mag Morris and Betsy came from church (at Sardis) to dinner. Peat Presley's baby was burried at Sardis to day. Doc went but none of the rest of the family. Mr Henry gathered us some cherries this evening. June apples are beginning to fall some.

Monday July 1st Very warm we had a very good rain this evening. I finished Lona's coat, and sewed some of Gussies pants. The children came home from school before dinner Mrs Ballew sick. Pinck and Willie went to the field since dinner. I imagine they will get very tired before night.

Tuesday 2nd I spent the day at Mrs Jones, Mrs Ballew is quite sick with fever they think. We had a very heavy cloud and high wind, blew down several apple trees on the place. Had a very hard rain here. More than at Mr Jones' I had all the children with me but Pinck and Willie. Mr Henry and Pinck came after us in the evening. Pinck brought Eddie & Gus. Willard came home with them & staid all night.

Wednesday 3rd I feel very unwell this morning have tooth ache and cold generally. I have been milking in the morning this week I think is the cause of it. It is thundering about to day I think we will have more rain. Sidney is very fretful to day. The children enjoyed themselves finely

yesterday. Romping over Mr Jones' new house.

Thursday 4th I have finished Gussies pants and sewed some on Pincks. Mr Henry went to town. Mrs Ballew is no better. The children went to school to Ellen Hawkins to day. She is teaching at the Miller meeting house. The negroes have a celebration in town to day.

Friday 5th Mr Henry went to town this morning. I finished Pincks pants yesterday and sewed some on Zona's dress I finished it to day. No news of imp.

Saturday 6th I have done up ods and ends all day Mr Henry about generally he did not home to night till supper. Capt Howell stays here to night.

Sunday 7th This has been a very warm day, we had our first apple dumplings for dinner. The June apples are very nice now. Mont Stradly & Jack Humphries eat dinner here. They left soon after dinner. Mr Henry in the house all day.

Monday 8th Ella washed her cloths this evening she is going to town tomorrow to get her a home. I hope she may do well. I have done some mending Sidney fretful wants to be nursed tis so every Monday.

Tuesday 9th July 1867 I have mended some fixing some skirts for Edde. Mr Henry about the farm and Saw mill Pinck is at home to day hoeing some and nursing the baby some Zona cried when she found Pinck was not going to school. I was so sorry for her. Willie and Gus went with her.

Wednesday 10th I am still fixing old cloths. Kate has washed to day the children all gone to school. Ella left yesterday. Matt and I are doing the work. Dave Luther and his wife were here to hire to day Mr Henry thinks of hiring them they are to come back tomorrow. Tena is

milking for me this week began last Sunday evening. Mrs Ballew is improving.

Thursday 11th My head aches badly this evening. Luther and wife set in to work to day she seems to be a neat but very ignorant woman. Mr Henry about the farm. The children all at school.

Friday 12th I have been in bed nearly all day with head sche it is some better this evening. We had a very good rain this evening, which was needed. Pinck went to Sandy Bottom and did not get back till near sun down. The other children all at home as Zona had to tend the baby.

Saturday 13th I am very tired to night as I have helped scour and scald Kate and Mrs Luther did most of the hard work. Pinck went to town and got some sugar, salt, and coffee. Mr Henry about the house all day as his back is giving him some pain.

Sunday 14th Mrs Ballew is worse. I want to go and see her this evening, if it does not rain. Mont Stradly is her now. Matt is not very well. Mrs Luther is making a very good and neat hand.

Monday 15th I have been fixing a skirt for my self. I have read some. A novel "Wild Jack" and other stories by Mrs Hentz. She is a very chaste writer.

Tuesday 16th Nothing of importance going on in the country the "Red Strings" still hold their meetings at Tom Candlers they have negroes and horse theives generally Oh! that God would give our enemies better hearts.

Wednesday 17th Very warm, needing rain, people generally done cutting wheat, it is very good this year. Mr Henry went to Charlies Pendlands to get some turnip seed the children all gone to school. Eddie is very quiet when they are gone.

Thursday 18th Sidney is not so well his bowels runing off I think tis his teeth I have mended some and ironed some. I warped my first peice of cloth yesterday some sheets. Tena is weaving them they are filled with flax.

Friday 19th July 1867 I have mended some it seems like my patching will never be done with I don't murmur for my kind good husband is not able to buy what we need now the war dealt badly with us. It may all be for the best but we short sighted mortals can't see it.

Saturday 20th This is Pincks birth day he is eleven years old what change has come to us since then we had plenty of every thing then and now we are not able to buy our necessaries. That summer we had a houseFull of boarders. Times insatiable can still rolls hard on us at least it has brought us hard times.

Sunday 12th We have had a good deal of company to day. Betsy came down and brought Mrs Johnston Lou Glenn and Rach Jones. Mr Tom Cook and wife spent the day here also. I went to see Love Knight this evening. She was confined last Friday, has a son.

Monday 22nd Cut Pinck and Willie some pants sewed some on Willies, Sidney is fretful his bowels are still loose. I am not so well have a cold. The days are very warm and the nights cool. Mr Henry about the farm his back has got well. He has had a very bad boil on his left temple it is running now and not so painful.

Tuesday 23rd I have finished Willies pants and picked some wool. I want to send it to the carding machine this week. My head aches a little from the cold I have I must stop now and write Pinck some copies.

Wednesday 24th I have picked wool all day Matt helped some Sidney is

fretful to day. Mr Henry gone up towards Pettits to get some waggon timber.

Thursday 25th I am still picking wool. No news of importance. Ellen came home with the children this evening. June apples are nearly gone.

Friday 26th Mrs Plott came here this morning on her way home to Haywood she has been in town a day or two. Mary Johnston was brought home a corpse last night. That is the third grown daughter that has died in the last three months they have been sadly afflicted.

Saturday 27th Pinck went home with Mrs Plott he is to come back tomorrow. Mr Henry about the farm I have done ods and ends all day. We are needing rain badly.

Sunday 28th Very warm this morning but no prospects of rain. Mr Henry speaks of going to Miller meeting house to hear Gen Martin preach this evening. He is an Episcopal.

August 18th Sunday night. Nothing of note has transpired since last I wrote. I finished picking my wool Olsie Sutten is with me now. Mrs Luther only staid four weeks. William Tidwell & wife came here last Friday they are going to Elizas tomorrow. Sallie Johnston & her brother came with them. William has a sweet baby. Jennie Presley died last Sunday night I went on Monday and helped make her shrouding. She looked very badly. Charlie takes her death very hard. I am sorry for him Mr A B Jones has been sorely afflicted in his family. They are all improving now. Newt Taylor came this evening, we went out to preaching at Miller meeting house did not get there till preaching was over. The children have not been going to school for more than a week as they have been helping to dry fruit. I want them to go this week. As I have a good deal

of fruit dried and may wool picked. The children are all asleep but Eddie he is here playing around me. Tis bed time so I must stop.

Monday Sept 2nd Nothing of interest has transpired since I last wrote I have been so busy I have neglected my journal. William & co left for home last Monday morning. Matt spent last week at Glenns. The children are at home to day. Pinck has gone down on New Found with one of the Reves boys to take a cow. Mr Boyd came this morning to fix the saw mill Mease is tending it now. Mr Henry about the mill to day. Olsie has been here four weeks tomorrow. I want to make Pinck a pair pants to day. Henry Jones got cut on the eye brow badly last week by a rock thrown at him by Jess Summer. We have had some very cool days it feels like Autumn is near us that is the time of year that I have the blues. I want to die in fall when all around looks dreare. I had a very severe head ache nearly three weeks ago. I expect I shall die in some of them. If it is my Heavenly fathers will I will try to be resighned I would be very sorry to leave my kind husband and dear little children, but "He doeth all things well". Help me Oh! Lord to be willing to go at thy call.

Sunday night Sept 22nd 1867 I have again neglected my journal I would leave it off entirely if it were not for Mr Henry & the children he is anxious that I should keep it up it will be a great source of pleasure to my children in coming years. Nothing of note has transpired. We have a boarder and old man Mr Malloy. He is very pleasant. Olsie left to day is not coming back again. I am sorry of it as it makes it very hard on me the children are very good to help Zona minds the baby. Pinck often says "Mother you shant work when I get a man I will buy a buggy and take you about every day". He is a noble hearted boy. Willie & Gus carry chips &

go the Spring house wih me Zona gets tired of nursing at times but is generally very kind to Sidney, she is trying to read to night in Rose Clark but Jeff keeps waking Sidney, The other children are all a bed. Mr Henry has Eddie in the piazza talking to Mr Malloy. I suppose Eddie is asleep. Matt went up to Glenns to day will spend the week. Kate has milked one week last Friday since I paid her I owe her for four days washing. Zona wants me to read some in my journal to her she will not prize it now as she will when she is grown. I pray God to spare my life to my dear children and my loving husband.

Monday 23rd I sewed some Sidney's apron did not finish it it really seems I get nothing done. I kept Zona at home to mind the baby for me. Mr Henry hired Mary Haback to day, she came in time to get dinner. The other children went to school.

Tuesday 24th I had the wool washed Mr Henry did not have all the sheep sheared as it is getting late to clip Mrs Snider sheared three days I finished Sidney's apron & darned Mr Henry's coat. He is about the farm every day.

Wednesday 25th Cool mornings and nights Mr Henry is rather inclined to asthma had a touch of it last night, it has been about a year since he first felt it. I do pray he may not have consumption. Oh! life would so cherless without his bright loving face to me. He is all the world to me. I hope he may live to help me raise our dear children we have a very interesting little family.

Tuesday 26th Mary is making a very good hand does things neatly. I have sewed some on a dress for the baby. He is fretful so I get along slowly. Mr Henry and Mr Malloy have gone to Spring Creek. Mr Henry went

to a turnpike meeting and Mr Malloy went to see the county. They are to return Saturday. Doc Tidwell came last night. He is going to take some sheep home with him.

Friday 27th This is the last day of Mrs Ballews school Zona is sorry as she is very fond of her. She is too indulgent to the children I think.

Saturday 28th Mr Henry and Mr Malloy came home this evening. Mr Malloy is very tired. I don't think his trip paid him for the fatigue I have done ods and ends all day.

Sunday 29th Mary went home last night. Mr Henry hired another girl to day. Some people that are packing about throught the country I hope she may be contented to stay Sunday as well as any other day. Mr Malloy leaves tomorrow. We had a application for board yesterday but I thought we could not take him well. Mr Henry Zona & Gussie went to preaching at the Academy Rev Miller preached ole Mr Muses funeral. Pinck and Willie have gone to Sandy Bottom for Matt.

Monday 30th Mr Malloy left for home this evening I have sewed some on Sidneys dress and wrote a letter for Matt. I have several letters of my own to answer but I put it off every week till I have more time. Till it really seems I will never get through being busy. A woman with six little ones has but little time for writing. Mr Henry about the farm all day.

Tuesday Oct 1st Cool mornings. I fear we will have frost soon. Doc is still here. Ann is doing very well tries to please. The children are not at school this week they start next week to George Penley. Doc went with me to Peter Luthers to carry some thread and indigo, we came home before night found Dr Hardy here. Mr Henry sent for him this morning to

see the baby his bowels are very loose. Teething I think. Mr Henry thinks a great deal of his children.

Wednesday 2nd I sewed some on Siddies dress. Gussie went to town with Doc and got him a pair of shoes he is delighted with the trip Mrs Sutton finished picking wool by dinner to day.

Thursday 3rd Nothing of importance going on. Cool morning but no frost yet. Mr Henry about the farm I finished Siddies dress. Col Colmenan came here this evening he has been drinking and is sick from it.

Friday 4th Col Coleman is some better to day. I sewed some on Sidnies apron or finished it rather. His bowels are improving Zona is a very good nurse gets tired occasionally as any child would. I will miss her next week when they go to school.

Saturday 5th This has been a day of ods and ends as usual I made some loaf bread, not very nice we are out of lard and it is better than tough bread. We get new corn meal at the mill now.

Sunday 6th Mr Henry and I spent the day at Sandy Bottom took Eddie and Siddie. Eddie enjoyed it finely. Mr Henry took Eddie and I over the river in a canoe. He seemed to enjoy it very much. We came home before night. Cool this evening. Zona and Pinck went to a Sunday School celebration at Sardis yesterday. They were anxious that I should go I imagine they would have enjoyed it more. The children Pinck Zona and Willie will start to school this week. I will not send Gussie for awhile as he is not learning much and is most to small. The baby is nearly well.

Oct 22nd Tuesday Nothing of note has transpired. The children went to a Circus in Asheville they were delighted with the rides. I went over with them and kept Eddie at Mollies. They will remember th show a long time.

Mr Henry took them. He got home from Clay Co last Saturday was gone some ten days. We were very glad to have him at home again. He is so kind to the children and they repay all his love in kindness I pray I may never raise an ungrateful child. I do my duty to them I think and trust them to my Father in Heaven. Newt Taylor and Doc left for Clay this morning. We will make molasses this week the children have been cutting cane to day. They go to school at Sand Hill to Mr G Penley have been going two weeks they do not like him much he is to strict they say. Ann is still with me makes a very good hand.

Wednesday 23rd I have been putting an old quilt together. Mr Henry about the molasses furnace. No news of importance. Very cool this evening. We had the first ice this morning. The children are not going to school this week. We are having beautiful weather warm and pleasant through the day but cool at night. I generally have the blues this time of year when all nature goes through such a change. I sigh to think all things must decay.

Thursday 24th I have read and knit most of the day "Rose Lee" a novel I borrowed of Mollie tis the most natural work of fiction I ever read. Mr Henry objects to my reading such but does not scold me much.

Friday 25th Cousin James Robert Love spent the night with us last Wednesday night he is not so haughty as he once was I have had head ache all day. I sewed some on a quilt. Mr Henry attending the molasses making.

Sunday 27th We have had two days of rain it was badly needed by farmers. I suffered all day yesterday with my head in bed most of the day. Zona attended the baby, very carefully. Mr Henry insists on me writing to Sister Frank to night so I must stop as it is near nine now. He has been

napping to day or he would be in bed.

Monday 28th Mr Henry making molasses made some very nice to day the cane soured some. Some rain this morning.

Tuesday 29th Mr Henry at the cane mill all day I have put a quilt together. The children at home Pinck helping with the cane. Zona tends Sidney I expect he will be fretful when she goes to school again.

Wednesday 30th Mr Henry up till near ten o'clock, with the molasses. I am still quilt making.

Thursday 31st Mr Henry started to Pa's this morning to try to get some money I hope he may be successful as he needs it badly. He will return next week. How I wish I could go with him. I hope to go soon.

Friday Nov 1st Fore and John Hendrix are at work here yesterday and to day. Fore has put up the apples we some very nice ones. I have been mending yesterday and to day. Matt is helping me.

Nove 2nd Saturday 1867 Sidney's jaw is swollen some this morning he did not rest well last night. Ann has gone home this evening. Mary Night stays with us tonight. Fore and Hendrix have left.

Sunday 3rd Sidie rested very badly last night I did not sleep any till three o'clock his ear looks red I fear it will beal Mary Rollins spent the day with us Mrs Luther stays here to night.

Monday 4th I fixed up some fruit and flour and sent it to Asheville by Doc Muse he is going to Weavers after our rolls. We got our cane done last Saturday. Uncle Sam is making his now. I took them their dinner they seemed very proud of it.

Tuesday 5th I finished fixing Eddies red flannel dress and cut Gussie two shirts. Matt is helping. I got some sugar and coffee some

shirting and linen and some drilling for the stuff. I sent to Asheville.

Wednesday 6th I finished one of Gussies shirts & sewed some on the other one. Mrs Ellerson is here spinning to day. Began last night. We have our hands full feeding now. Mr Henry is gone Uncle Sam put the hogs up Monday morning.

Thursday 7th I began a shirt for Mr Henry. Matt and I got dinner as Ann is washing. Mrs Ellerson spining the children have been at school all the week Sidie is fretful wants me to nurse him all the time his jaw has got well. He has a sore thumb I think the mail will come off. It is some better now. I have a sore arm. I burnt it last Monday morning. Ann did not come back till we had breakfast all on she is not very truthful I think.

Friday 8th I went to meet Mr Henry yesterday evening. Waited at the mill dam till the moon began to cast shadows and then had to return alone and sadly disappointed. I do hope he is well.

Saturday 9th I went yesterday evening again to meet my dear husband and was again disappointed. But he came after eight and Mr Glenn Peake with him. Ann fixed some supper for them they were all well at home. Mr Henry did not get any money I can't see how we are to get along. I hope for the best the darkest hour is just before day. May it be so with us.

Sunday 10th Some rain this morning Mr Henry and Mr Peak went to church at Sand Hill but preaching was at Sardis, so they came on back Matt and I got most of the dinner Ann went home yesterday after dinner. Her mother came in her place to day. Pinck and Gus gone to Sandy Bottom some rain to day.

Monday 11th Nove 1867 Cold and windy Mr Henry and Mr Peak went to town as it is court week. We generally have company every night at court.

I have sewed some on a shirt for Mr Henry no news of importance going on. Siddie is not so fretful as he was last week. He has none yet. He can get about over the floor but does not crawl.

Tuesday 12th Mr Henry and Mr Peak went to town and came home about three o'clock. More pleasant to day than yesterday. The children go to school, they like Mr Penly very well. Sidney is a little fretful to day I have sewed some on Mr Henry's shirt. I get on slowly at work when I attend the baby.

Wednesday 13th Mr Peak left for home this morning. Mr Henry off to town again. Mag Morris spent the evening here. Willie at home to day I won't send him any more till I can make him some pants.

Thursday 14th Mrs Ellerson washed to day. Matt did the cooking. Ann came back before dinner Mrs Ellerson left this evening. Mr Miller & brother stay here to night I finished the shirt and spun some.

Friday 15th I have spun all day Ann's little sister tended the baby I am very tired to night and did not spin much over three cuts. It would be a poor living I could make spining.

Saturday 16th I made Gus a pair drawers and moulded some candles. Pinck went to the bottom before dinner and went to meet Mr Henry after dinner as he walked to town this morning.

Sunday 17th Ten years ago my little Cora was born if she had lived her and Zona would have been a great deal of company to each other. Zona asks me oftem to buy her a little sister I would have been so glad if she had lived I know Zona will feel lonely when she grows up. She has a play house she plays in when little girls come to see her. Mr Henry went to

preaching at Sand Hill, today. Says he heard a good exortation (universalist) from Mr G Penly. He is a methodist I tried to milk this evening as Ann had not come she took Harriet home this evening, the cows kicked so I could not do any thing with them red muley had a calf last Friday we will soon get milk in abundance. We get but little now. Mr Henry lanced Sidneys gums this evening I hope he will get well now. He has been feverish all day.

Monday 18th 1867 Nov I have been spining all day get on slowly. Harriet Anns sister is staying here now, she tends Siddie. Willie has not been going to school in sometime. Tom Muse began to work here to day at fifty cts per day.

Tuesday 19th Tom Quin is working here also. I have spun some to day. Muse and George killed one of the hogs in the pen by the kitchen. It is a nice hog. I have fed them a good deal. The children call them my hogs.

Wednesday 20th Mr Henry has been to Asheville every day this week till to day the negroes vote yesterday and to day convention or no convention. I am still spining get on very slowly. Siddie has his two first teeth.

Thursday 21st Ann and made the sausage meat yesterday and rendered out the lard it is beautiful Mr Henry wants to send it to town. He has gone to the election to day.

Friday 22nd I am fixing some gowns short for Siddie Mr Henry took the lard to town to day got 25 cts per lb.

Saturday 23rd This as usual has been a busy day Mr Henry and I went to see Mrs A B Jones this morning she is very sick with ulcer of the liver we brought home our calves that Mr Jones had taken to the Mountains for us.

Sunday 24th Mr Henry about home all day. Ann went home after dinner came back to milk and do the other night work.

Monday 25th Tena brought the thread home this morning I will warp it tomorrow. Mr Henry has hands gethering the corn. Puff Miller is helping.

Tuesday 26th I am still fixing up gowns for Siddie. Mr Henry about the farm. George is tending the saw mill. I warped the cloth before dinner to day. Beamed it and Matt put it through the harness in flats. Mr Nelson Billie & Capt Wilkes stay here tonight. Billie looks badly, Mr Neilson wants to move back to Tenn if sister Jane is willing.

Wednesday 27th We are having beautiful weather so warm and pleasant. I got the cloth started by dinner. Mrs Muse (Tom's wife) is weaving she does not understand weaving. I do the quilling I do so many little things when night comes I can't see what I have done.

Thursday 28th Nov 1867 Nothing of interest going on old Mr Night is very sick at Willeys. I am still fixing drawers for Eddie. Some rain yesterday. Rene Ellerson is spining began last Wednesday.

Friday 29th Rained all day Nannie Jones came home with the children last night they enjoyed them selves finely playing blind fold.

Saturday 30th Mr Henry went to town. Got his coat cut and did some trading. Very cold wind from the North. Betsy came this evening. I have done several things and nothing much either.

Sunday Dec 1st Christmas will soon be here. I want to make the children a Christmas tree they will enjoy it I think I try to give them all the pleasure I can. Yes let them enjoy life while they are young cares come with age. Very cold to day the first ice in the room.

Monday 2nd Mary Muse came this morning to spin her and Rene are spining to night, Matt went home with Betsy this morning. More pleasant to day. Mr Henry about the farm all day. I am quilting him a coat lining.

Tuesday 3rd MrssMuse got out the cloth this morning. Miller and Quin killed my other hog this evening Mr Henry thinks it has fallen off a good deal since its mate was killed. I finished the coat lining this evening.

Wednesday 4th Sewed on the coat all day it will be a very warm one I think when I get it done. He needs it badly.

Thursday 5th I have not sewed much to day. Mr Henry and I reeled some after dinner he held the broanch. He helps me at any thing he can winds all my knitting balls.

Friday 6th Finished Mr Henry's coat this evening he wants to go to town tomorrow. We have had pleasant weather all week.

Saturday 7th Mr Henry went to town. Matt came home this evening. Laura Glenn came home with her. Cool to day. I have been cleaning in the kitchen. Rene helping. Mary went home yesterday evening Ann spining.

Sunday 8th Mag Morris and Sallie Jones spent the day here cold all day. Nothing of importance. Rev Byrd and Sophia Jones married a short time ago. Some other old maid will step off soon.

Monday Dec 9th 1867 Cold and fair I cut the children some pants, sewed some on Mr Henry's pants. Matt helped me some.

Tuesday 10th Very pleasant to day. Mr Henry went to town this morning. Pinck and Zona go to school every day. Willie will go no more this winter.

Wednesday 11th Laura Glenn still here she is anxious to go home. Mary Rolling and Mrs Miller spent the evening here helping make the

childrens pants I finished Mr Henry's.

Thursday 12th Pinck went to Sandy Bottom, Laura went home with him. Rained some after dinner turned very cold. Dying some thread. Mary Rollins been here sewing on my dress. I cut it this morning.

Friday 13th I finished the childrens pants some snow last night. Mr Henry moved the eating table in my room as it is very cold in the dining room for the children. The children did not go to school this morning as it was so cold.

Saturday 14th I have done ods and ends all day we have only eat twice a day yesterday and to day. The children seem to like it very well. Siddie wants to try to walk he likes to pull up by any thing. Harriet is still here. Siddie does not like for her to nurse him.

Sunday 15th Very cold to day some snow last night three inches deep. My head aches a good deal to night Mr Henry is playing with Siddie, I must go to bed. Siddie has another tooth Mr Henry just found one below.

Monday 16th Still cold, a bad time on stock as we have neither cow nor sheep house. Mr Henry is going to have shelters made for them soon. Mrs Sutton and Ann spooling. I have been sewing on my dress Pinck and Zona at school to day. We only eat twice a day now.

Tuesday 17th They finished spooling this evening and I finished my dress. It fits neatly. Matt is getting ready to marry the sixteenth of next month.

Mr Henry about the farm and mill. George is employed there again. It is a great trial to me. Knowing how he has treated us. I never can forget it but I can't help myself.

Wednesday 18th Mary Rollins warped my cloth for me to day I tended

the spools amd knit some. More pleasant to day. I am glad of it as it is so cold for the children to go to school. Mr Henry and Mr Miller went bird netting this morning but caught none.

Thursday 19th I have been helping Mary Rollins put in the cloth nearly all day they killed three hogs. Ann got vexed to day wanted to quit but did not. I have been vixed all day about George being at the mill. The children have a holiday till after Christmas.

Friday 20th I have sewed some on Pincks coat but did not get it done we have beautiful weather now.

Saturday 21st Nothing new going on all are well Mr Henry about the mill all day. Mrs Sutton is weaving.

Sunday 22nd Mr Henry went to church at the Academy Matt and I doing the work to day as Ann went home yesterday evening. She came back this evening.

Monday 23rd Ann scoured the house below stairs I helped some. Pinck gone to Sandy Bottom to day. Mrs Ellerson and Rene washing to day.

Tuesday 24th Mr Henry and Matt went to town. Matt to get some wedding things, I took all the children to Capt Moores to get their photographs I had mine and Siddies taken in a nice case for Christmas gift for papa. I think he will appreciate it. I have fixed the children a Christmas tree and decorated them a table. Pinck Zona Willie and Bettie Moore went to see the Christmas tree at Millers meeting house they came back well pleased. The school boys came seranading to night made a great noise but little music. Pinck went off with them. The children are well pleased with their Christmas tree. Mr Henry has been his present and is well pleased with it. Gus has some glass marbles so has Willie and Eddie.

I try to have little things for my children to please them Christmas comes but once a year. ~~They will remember their tree a long time.~~ They will remember their tree a long time. They will soon be grown I will not have many more years to please their childhood in.

Wednesday 25th Willie Gussie and Eddie are delighted with their glass marbles. Matt and I sit up till near 11 o'clock last Monday night fixing for the children they will appreciate it some day I had to whip my dear little daughter to day for a trifle. I hate it so much she is a good child when she pries. Pinck staid at Capt Moores last night after the serenade. I have been at work all day cooking being gone yesterday Ann and Rene did not prepare enough I gave most of it to the serenaders. Mary Rollins and Mrs Sutton helped some. Rene here to day. Ann went home this morning to come back tomorrow. Betsy Laura Glenn and Matt went to Capt Moores to have their photographs taken. Betsy & Laura staid here last night they have gone to Ham Cannons to night. This has been a very pleasant day Spring like I don't think I ever saw it so pleasant at this season in Buncumbe. Good by Christmas of 1867 you are numbered among the things that are past.

Thursday 26th Very pleasant I have had no fire all day Siddie has crawled out on the piazza several times. He has been crawing a month. He is a very good baby. Pinck and Zona went home with Bettie Moore. She has spent Christmas with Zona.

Friday 27th I began a linsey dress for Zona went to finish it tomorrow. Mr Henry about the mill to. Still very pleasant I have hired Rene at 50 cts per week (fifty-cents) and Ann the same.

Saturday 28th A traveler stays here tonight. I finished Zona's

dress tonight. We get on very well on two meals a day. I give the children a lunch about one o'clock.

Sunday 29th Mr Henry and I took a long walk to salt some cattle. Came back by Mary Nights her baby is very sick, but some better to day. Cool and cloudy to day. Mr Henry has Siddie he is so fretful I will go to bed with him.

Monday 30th The old year will soon be numbered among the things that were. Mr Henry about the mill. We have had very pleasant weather for the time of year till now. ~~Some cooler than it has been today.~~ I wove some this morning on mine and Zona's balmoral Matt is going to weave them while I make her wedding chimise. Snowing nearly all day.

Tuesday 31st I cut Pinck and Willie some shirts sewed some on Pincks, Siddie can pull up by a chair. The children did not go to school on account of the snow. Willie has not been going in some time as I thought Mr Penley too harsh with him.

Wednesday January 1st 1868 Farwell to the old year you are forever gone what may the new year bring us. Health and contentment I hope. I think I am grateful for the blessing of health I try to be.

Thursday 2nd 1868 I have been at work for Matt all day she finished my weaving this evening. The children at home on account of bad weather.

Friday 3rd Nothing of interest going on all are well very cold and disagreable.

Saturday 4th Pinck went to the bottom. Betsey is not making much now.

Tuesday 7th I had the head ache very bad Sunday and yesterday, I feel feeble to day but wove a yd and half, and cut the cloth out. The children went to school this morning they like to go.

Wednesday 9th Matt Kate and Ann washing Matt washing up things generally. Mr Henry took the children to have their ambrotypes taken. Turned very cold this evening Rene washed up my room. I have been sewing on Eddies body I asked Mr Henry to have his type taken for me. He did with Eddie in his lap but told the children not to tell me we are devotedly attached to each other.

Friday 10th The cloth all frozen the children went to school got Mr Henry's type it is very good one of Eddie also I am so proud of them.

Saturday 11th Pinck went to the bottom. Very cold Matt dying the cloths by the fire as she is expecting company next week. I finished mine and Zona's skirts & Eddies pants my skirt feels very confortable. Zona is very much pleased with hers. Tom Quin has left us lice and all, I am glad of it.

Monday 13th I was sick with head ache yesterday. I have wove all day. Got two yds of Zonas dress done. I like to weave very well tis good exercise.

Tuesday 14th Rene tends the baby. Ann does the quilling I have wove two yds. Mr Ruff Miller accidently killed a little pig I had it cleaned. It is very nice to bake.

Wednesday 15th Matt got very angry with me about the children wasting her chalk, packed up her things to leave night away. If she don't mind she will be sitting up in the cold like Mag Morris I have been weaving the children weary me a good deal about my weaving Eddie has no pants he looks so small.

Thursday 16th Matt was to have been bride to day but the man has failed to come. I suppose he did not get the letter. Very cold to night Kirkendoll and Jess Case stay here to night. I have wove all day.

Ten years ago I did not think I would weave cloth for my children things have changed some what with us the last twelve years.

Friday 17th Willie and Gussie types are very natural so is Pinck and his grand Pa whose picture he has in his hands. Matt has not spoken to me yet. I say let her pout it out.

Saturday 18th I finished what weaving I am going to do Mrs Muse will finish the piece. I have done some mending tonight.

Sunday 19th More pleasant to day than for several days. Thursday the coldest nigh of the season it was all we could do to keep warm in bed I sleep with Siddie in my arms every cold night and Mr Henry takes Eddie in his. Siddie has four teeth can push a chair a cross the room and walk after it. Kate and Bud Night are here the children are enjoying the night finely in the kitchen Ann is nursing Siddie who is a sleep I will stop and try to put him down. Mr Henry is sitting by me reading. I won't hear to my giving up my journal. He is so kind to me and the children I thank my Creator for such a loving husband.

Monday 20th I have spent the day in mending. Siddie is very fretful. Willie tries to amuse him he can push a chair across the room. No news of importance going on.

Tuesday 21st Mary Rollins here to day helping me sew for some wool we are making Willie and Pinck some shirts. Siddie is very fretful has fever every night. The children are very fond of going to school. Zona has one home with Nannie Jones to night late when Pinck came home. Mr Henry about the mill, every day. George pays up his rent very well is some behind in wheat.

Wednesday 22nd Siddie has yellow thrash, That accounts for his being

so cross he has an ugly sore on his gum. I get but little done he is so fretful. Ann washing some the weather has been so bad I have not had washing done in two weeks some snow on the ground yet.

Thursday 23rd Jan 1868 Siddie mouth is getting better Mr Henry about the mill he has rented the saw mill and part of the work shop to Cannon and Knight, I hope his mills may profit him a good deal this year. He is renting his land for standing rent altogether this year.

Friday 24th The children came home early from school they ride when it is muddy. They enjoy it finely. Zona has a great notion of riding by herself. She is growing very fast now. Willie is very sensitive thinks he is ugly. It wounds his pride. He is very passionate I hope to cure him of it when he gets older. Pinck and Gus have dispositions something alike. Eddie throw his shoe in the fire yesterday morning burned it so he can't wear it. He has on an old one of Gussies he is very bad to throw things in the fire.

Monday 27th I took the head ache Saturday after dinner Mr Henry and I concluded yesterday to do without coffee and the consequence was that he was very sick Saturday night with head ache his good resolves all fell when he took sick so he started Pinck to town about two o'clock after some. He had got better before I got it ready. So when he got up I went to bed with head ache. I suffered all day yesterday and it has only gotten well since dinner to day. We only eat twice a day. Some rain to day.

Tuesday 28th Warm and pleasant but very muddy. Mr Henry about the mills all day. Siddie has got nearly well I am so glad I hate to see my little children suffer.

Wednesday 29th I have sewed some on Pincks pants I tend Siddie so I

can't get much done. We had a heavy fall of snow last night the trees all laden with it all the mountains have on their bridal robes it is a beautiful scene. The children rode to school. They came back very cold. The bushes were so bent over the road, it has turned very cold since morning.

Thursday 30th Very cold all day. A man stays here tonight, he has been walking all day in the snow the children did not go to school this morning as it is so cold, ice on the mill dam four inches thick, a hard matter to get the mill started on account on the ice.

Friday 31st I sewed some on Zona's dress. Her and Pinck are at home too cold to go to school last night the coldest this winter more ice in the room on the water.

Saturday Feb 1st Snow melting some cold nights and bright days. Mr Henry hired a negro named Jow last week. George Muse has been staying here some tow weeks he is a good conditioned child I think.

Sunday 2nd Snow melting on the south sides slowly still cold nights. Mr Henry about the house all day (we have some few lambs, buck killed one last week he is a bad horse. I saw him runnig with Pinck to day it frightened me. I must stop now and take Siddie as Pinck is tired of him I know. Mr Henry and the children have gone to bed.

Monday 3rd I sewed some on Gussies body. Matt made Ann's skirt Mr Henry about the mill he is very well pleased with the rent George pays, snow melting slowly still cold we have had very bad weather for a month now. I will be so glad to hear the frogs for then I will think spring is coming.

Tuesday 4th I finished Gussies body and sewed some on his pants I get On with my sewing slowly Siddie needs a heap of attention. I have head ache

this evening.

Wednesday 5th & Thursday 6th I was quite sick all day yesterday with head ache. Mr Cook came here last Monday to mend shoes. He has mended a pair of Pincks old boots for Gus, he is as proud of them as if they were new. Cook left yesterday. Mr Henry comes to the house at one o'clock every day for something to eat. I generally keep pies or sweet bread for him and the children. I sewed some on Eddies pants.

Friday 7th I finished Eddies pants and cut my saque. Mrs Ellerson washed here the cloths froze as she put them out. I fear that old woman will suffer for bread she does not love to work, The children late getting home from school I was getting anxious about them, Pinck had to cut wood for Monday. We are having bad luck with our lambs, have lost fourteen and have eleven living. We have the sheep down here they are staying in the dry house Mr Henry has fixed in front of it. Ham Rollins is working with Mr Henry makes a very good hand.

Saturday 8th Feb 1868 I finished my saque and did some mending Mr Henry sent Rollins to town. Got some sugar, coffee, tallow, and nails. Still cold. A good deal of snow on the ground yet. It is very muddy the children help me a good deal on Saturday Zona tends the baby. She gets tired soon I had her to feed Sidney at supper for telling a story. She told Pinck I said take the baby it mortified her a great deal they take it by turns feeding Sidney. Pinck and Zona have two lambs they pay a great deal of attention to them. They feed them from a suck bottle.

Sunday 9th Some rain last night warm and very muddy Elick came here last Friday night (one of Pa's slaves) going to Tenn to Mr Neilson he moved back to Tenn about a month ago, they did not come by to see us I think they

treated us badly. Elick says they are all well. At home. Nothing of importance goin on Mr Henry is getting sleepy so I must soon stop, the children are very attentive to their lambs Siddie is afraid of them. But Eddie and Gussie are delighted Willie does not care much about them he is more like an old man Gus still holds on to the boots. Rained all day Pinck has just got through washing I will be glad when the itch gets out the country. As long as the children go to school they have it.
Monday 10th I sewed some on Eddies body. Baked some cakes before dinner. For Mr Henry to take with him as a lunch to court, in Asheville, Zona's little lamb died to day snow melting slowly.

Tuesday 11th I did not finish Eddies body Siddie has been fretful to day two men staid here last night from court. We generally have company at night Court week. The children ride to school every day when it is muddy. Nancy Hawkins came home with Zona last night, and Mary Jones tonight the children have a gay time when they have company. Mr Henry went to town this morning did not get home till night. He got some bleached domestic yesterday. Twenty five yds.

Friday 14th I had the worst spell of head ache last Wednesday I ever had. I thought I would die. I was so sick Mr Henry was in town. Mary Rollins was sewing for me it took her and Matt most of their time to hold my head it is nearly well to day I am very thankful my life was spared.

Saturday 15th Feb 1868 Mr Henry did not go to town yesterday nor today. He was greatly distressed when I told him how sick I was last Wednesday I do hope my life may be spared to raise my children. It would be a sad sad time they would have and Mr Henry would miss me a great deal he is so kind and affectionate. The Franks cow had a calf to day and

Droop cow one last Sunday, the latter is not doing well.

Sunday 16th Mag Morris and Sallie Jones came here yesterday evening and left since dinner. I got most of the dinner. Aunt Tena helped some. Ann went to see her mother to day. Mr Henry was sick last night with head ache and is not well to day Zona burnt Eddies privates last Thursday it is a very ugly sore. I can't think it was intentional. He did rest well last night with it. Pinck had his first fight this evening with George Muse I am sorry of it I want to raise my boys up right if I can, I try to do my duty to them Zona has the baby I know she is tired so I must take him Mr Henry is better tonight is reading the other children have gone to bed some time.

Sunday 23rd Nothing of importance has transpired for the last week I have had a day of head ache. Mr Henry about the farm as we are having pleasant weather.

Sunday March 1st Ann Ellerson left last Monday I hired Tempa the same day the childrens examination come off last Friday. I did not go in the day but went at night and enjoyed it finely the children acted some tableaus very well. Tempa does not seem to want to stay here Jennie has told her she could not stand the work. Matt and I have done the most of it this week I do the milking and she the most of the cooking after breakfast. Tempa moved her things here Friday, she is not very stout. She has a boy Joe with her. He is some help. My head ached a good deal to day.

Monday 2nd I finished Mr Henry's vest I began Friday. Pinck went to writing school at Sand Hill Mr Waters teaching. Matt started but came back. Pleasant after the morning.

Tuesday 3rd Matt went to her Mothers not to return soon, some snow

on the ground fell last night. Tempa sick all day I have had every thing to do. I am sorry Matt has gone I know she will not be contented down there she got in a pet poor girl she has a very unhappy temper Zona went to writing school with Pinck Joe tended Siddie.

Wednesday 4th Tempa able to do part of the things I help some I help get breakfast Mr Henry went to town yesterday something conserning the rail road he is about the farm to day. Tena making soap for me to day.

Thursday 5th Tempa sick all day I did all the things Tena helped me milk this evening I am real tired tonight. Mr Henry went to town this morning.

Friday 6th The children did not go to school as Mr Waters went to Mag Morris infare she was married to Bill Hayes last night. Zona is a good deal of help about Siddie. He crawled up the steps last Monday his first effort he can take a step or two alone.

Saturday 7th Mr Henry and Pinck went to town. Mr Henry has had head ache to night Charley Penland and Mr Smith are here tonight. I am very tired I have been busy all day. Tempa had a slight chill this morning. Kate has come to milk for me a day or so till Tempa gets better.

Sunday 8th Gussie is five years old to day this morning at twenty minutes after eight. The children all have bows and arrows to day they enjoy it finely. Mr Henry has been gone all day to Tom Cooks very pleasant to day frogs hollering last night. Jeff has been sick several days. I think he is some better to day. Pinck is tending Siddie I know he is tired so I will take him.

Sunday 15th Tempa left last Tuesday gone to Tenn I have been without a cook since. Willie tends Siddie and helps me a good deal. He and Gussie

carry water and chips. Kate helps me milk in the evening and Mr Miller in the morning I get on very well. The children are done with their writing school. They start to Mr Barnes tomorrow I want to send Willie some. He is not fond of school like Pinck and Zona I hope Mr Barnes will be kind to him he is very sensative. Mr Henry about the farm all the week. Charlie took Matt her trunk yesterday. Eliza sent us some cabbage and parsnips, they werevery acceptable as we have none.

Monday 16th March 1868 I have done little else but cook Zona and Pinck like Mr Barnes very well as a teacher. Mr Henry about the farm all day. Doc Tidwell came here last Thursday on business for Taylor.

Tuesday 17th Mr Henry gone all day hunting a cook he does not like for me to do so much drudgery. Willie went to school. I miseed him a great deal about Siddie. Gussie and Eddie playes with him they do the best they can. Mr Henry did not get home till supper was over. I was uneasy about him. He brought Lizzie Cochram with him. I hope she may be satisfied.

Wednesday 18th Lizzie has done very well to day I am very well pleased with her. But she is so dissatisfied wants to go home tomorrow. I have hemed some frilling for mine and Zona's chemise. Mr Henry about the farm all day.

Thursday 19th The eleventh of this month was Willies birth day he was seven years old. He likes to go to school only tollerable. Lizzie left this morning, and Mary Wuse came in her place. Mr Henry about the farm all day.

Friday 20th We have had a day or so of right cold weather some snow. Soon melted off wind from the north. Willie did not go to school to day. Complained of being sick. Mary is doing very well makes a tollerable

neat hand Mr Henry about the farm all day.

Saturday 21st This is Zonas birth day she is nine years old this morning. She is a great deal of help to me if my little Cora could have lived they would have been a great deal of company for each other. Zona often tells me to buy her a little sister. Mr Henry went to a mass meeting in Asheville. I very much fear the Radicals will/? us on negro equality. The people seem excited about it. I hope we will not have another war in my time. Lord have mercy on us and deliver us from wars in our midst. Very cold and high winds all day.

Sunday 22nd Cool this morning but pleasant through the day. Mr Henry about the house most of the day the sows he got of Vance have pigs two of them. He got the sows (3) last Monday I beleive. I got dinner. Mary spent the day with her Mother I have not been well for a week. Weakness in the back. Siddie has not been well for a day or two. He is very fretful.

April 5th Sunday 1868. Two weeks have glided by since I opened my journal to write. I have nothing ~~nothing~~ of importance to write. The country seems to be in a great crisis. I hope for the white mans party but fear it will be voted down by the negroes and their equals. Mr Henry seems some what excited about it. I have a cough that is giving me some anxiety it has troubled me for a month I would hate to have consumption. To think of leaving my little children is very sad to me I want to live to raise them the best I can. I pray God to spare my life they can never have another mother.

Gussie is sick worms I think he has threw up four to day. Pinck has gone to the Sandy Bottom since dinner. Siddie tries to walk can walk half across the room and not fall he is a good baby when well. The children

don't like their teacher much he keeps them in after school to learn their lessons.

I am doing my houshold work myself now. Mary and Ann ran away last Thursday night. Ann had been back about a week. Till Ashley is to be here next Tuesday evening to do things generally. She seems to be a nice girl. Mr Henry, Pinck, Zona and Willie went to picnic on Mount Yeadon yesterday. They enjoy it finely. I was at home all day with the three little children. Gussie is a heap of help to tend Siddie bring chips & c.

We have heavy frost every morning I fear it will injure the fruit. High winds last night and to day. I have head ache this evening. Mr Henry is lying on the trundle bed with Gussie and has Siddie. Zona is writing a letter her first one. I wrote one for Pinck to Eugenia since dinner. Also a composition for him. He is to copy them. Willie and Eddie are out at play. I will go and see where they are.

Monday 6th Mr Henry and I were thirteen years ago yesterday, things have changed since then. I have not regretted my choice, and try to act so that he may never regret his he is a great deal kinder than my fond heart ever anticipated. We are both growing old the bloom of life is fading with us like summer roses, but not so with our love it will ever be fresh and green.

Tuesday 7th April 1868 Till Ashley came to day after dinner. Rather cool. Mr Henry got some sweet potatoes to plant yesterday. We had a few.

Wednesday 8th Till washed I have been fixing a dress. Mr Henry is not at all well. Has head ache for several days. The children have got to learning their lessons at night to keep from staying in. I like the teachers mode very much.

Thursday 9th This day thirteen years ago I bade a last adieu to the home of my childhood. Put my happiness in my dear husbands keeping. He has faithfully discharged his trust as far as it lay in his power. I am happier now than I was as a bride for I know him now to be a high toned gentleman. Then I did not. He was almost a stranger to me. When I think of it now I see how much we both risked.

Friday 10th Siddie can walk I am very proud of it he only has five teeth he is a dear good baby. Gussie has got well, he and Eddie play with Siddie for me. We have a boarder Mr Brock he is going to school. Willie is learning very fast also Pinck and Zona.

Saturday 11th The children are a great help on Saturday I have them out sweeping the yards Pinck get tired and says "Mother I see no use in it, they will get dirty again." It generally falls on Zona to mind Siddie. She does very well.

Sunday 12th Rained nearly all day. Mr Henry went up to the grave yard. He goes there often to see his friends and babys grave. We will all have to lay down in the cold grave some day what a gloomey place it seems. I want to be burried near the house if I should die before Mr Henry. He could see my grave often then and would not quite forget me. The children would plant flowers around me I know.

Monday 13th I have made a pair of candle mats and made two collars. Rained all day the children did not go to school. Mr Brock came this evening. Till is taking on about him wonderfully.

Tuesday 14th The children went to school. Fair and pleasant. I made a pair candle mats, and made a shirt bosom for Mr Henry. The children get home from school sooner now than they did as Mrs Barnes assists.

Wednesday 15th April 1868 I sewed some on Mr Henry's shirt. Rained again to day the children at home. Mr Henry took some cattle to the mountains yesterday did not get home till night. The childern learn at home and I hear lessons when it is bad weather.

Thursday 16th I finished Mr Henry's shirt, the children at home again. Rained this morning but fair this evening. Betsey Jamison spent the day here. Mr Henry about the mill most of the day.

Friday 17th I made Zona two draw bodies the children went to school. The earth must be very wet as it has rained a good deal. Mr Henry and Miller floated some logs down for Stevens. They got home for dinner.

Saturday 18th Pinck and I worked in the yard till dinner fixing up plank along the walk. I finished after dinner. Pinck and Willie went hunting. Pinck shot a rabbit his first he is very proud of it. Mr Henry about the farm. Mrs Sinse was here for dinner to day.

Sunday 19th I am very sore from my days work yesterday. Tillda went home this morning to see her mother. I got dinner with the childrens help. Cloudy and looks like rain. Mr Henry has taken a nap since dinner he has head ache. My head aches some this evening. I must take Siddie now as Mr Henry is not well. Zona reading "The Commandment With a Promise." Pinck learning his Quackenbo's Willie with him in the kitchen, Eddie asleep, and Gussie in here by the fire.

Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st I was sick all day yesterday with head ache it did not get entirely well till to day after dinner. I had to keep Zona at home to day. It rained yesterday so the childern could not go.

Wednesday 22nd Eddie is three years old to day. My own dear mother died this day nineteen years ago. I did not think what I had lost then I

I can appreciate it now. We cannot appreciate our blessings till they past and gone and then we begin to think of them.

Thursday 23rd I have finished fixing my dress to day. I will have to wear it every day as we are not able to get any now. The children came home from school this morning about eleven as Mrs Barnes is to ill for Mr Barnes to leave her. I am really sorry for them they are comparative strangers here. Mr Henry about the farm all day, this has been rather an exciting time as the state has voted to see if the negros constitution is to be ratified.

(Inserted at top of page 172 by Mr Henry. R P Allin lost ½ day 9 Feby 1861)

Friday 24th April 1868 Mr Henry went to town to day he is affraid the radicals have beat us. I don't think they would give us justice if the conservatives were to gain the day. I have been busy cleaning the yard and cellar till dinner. After dinner, I cut a pair pants for Mr Henry.

Saturday 25th Iscoured some to day and baked some after dinner. Cloudy since dinner with some rain. Mr Henry about the farm nothing of importance. Mrs Barnes is no better.

Sunday 26th Mr Henry and I spent the day at Capt Moores, Mrs Barnes is still very sick. I feel very sorry for her little children. Mr Barnes tried so hard to get her to take some medicine, but she refuses I thought her very obstinate. Some rain this evening. The children are having a gay time playing. Kate Night is here.

Monday May 11th Two weeks has past since I last wrote, nothing of interest has transpired. Mr Henry was on the road all last week. Working it out. The children have not been at school for two weeks. Mrs Barnes

is improving now slowly. School begins next week. Till Ashely left last Sunday had been sick since Wednesday before. Mary Muse is staying here now. Mrs Muse dyed some blue and copperas last week. Aunt Tena died the 2nd of May only sick a few days. I am really sorry for the family. Mrs Snider shearing sheep to day. Cliped some last week one day & a half. Siddie fretful to day. Our garden looks well we have had plenty of rain so far. I must stop now and get some lettuce for dinner.

Tuesday 19th Nothing of interest has transpired since I last wrote. Till Asheley came back last Saturday she staid at home two weeks. The children going to school again. Mrs Barnes is still very feeble. Till is picking wool. Maria and Mrs Quin washed wool yesterday. I fear Mrs Quin will suffer for bread this summer. She does not manage to try to get along. It seems to me I could do better.

Wednesday 20th Till washed to day she is so bigoted she does not suit me much. I like Mary Muse the best, Mary is very quiet I have been sewing some on Zona a pink calico dress to day. Siddie wants to be in the yard all the time Gussie and Eddie play with him.

Till worked three weeks & went home. Came back Saturday 16th May, lost 3½ days since.

(Inserted by Mr Henry on page 173. F M Corn worked ¼ days week endign 9th July.)

Thursday 21st May 1868 I put in some thread through the harness to day my first. Mrs Night put in part of it. Till is to weave it. She is a great brag. The children learning very well at school. I have hoped and prayed never to have any more children but I fear I will. I think very few children pay for the care and anxiety of their parents. O! Lord

may I not be so unfortunate as to raise one ungrateful child.

Friday 22nd Mrs Ballew and Mrs P Rich staid with us last night they had been to the examination at Asheville (the college) they were highly pleased. I used to go every examination but things are sadly changed with us now. I still hope for better days if it were not for hope how gloomy this world would be.

Saturday and Sunday 23rd & 24th & Monday 25th I have nothing of importance to write for three days. I am very sore to day as Mr Henry and I went down to see Eliza yesterday. We took Eddie and Siddie I got very tired coming back, we found them all well. Eliza yesterday. We took Eddie and Siddie I got very tired coming back, we found them all well. Eliza has broken a good deal since I last saw her her life has been a blank one nearly. Matt said she never expected to come back again. We came home and found the children all well. They did not go to school as they had no dinner to take. George only allows us a half bu a day to be divided between us Ham Rollins and Mrs Muse's family. It really seems Mr Henry don't care any thing about my likes or dislikes. But when I think of how George treated us when the yankees came here and how he treated Mr Henry when he came back my indignation is so great I can't help but feeling wounded at Mr Henry's goodness. Yes to the negro and and not to his family. George has stole so much from the customers all the good ones have quit the mill it is no use fretting about things I can't help so I have to submit. To think me and my children must want for bread. That a mean negro may get it.

Tuesday 26th I sewed some on a coat for Mr Henry to day Till gets on slowly with weaving never wove much at least she does not understand it.

Mary picking wool. We have cool mornings and nights. I have not taken off my feather bed yet. The children sleep on matresses. Mary Muse been May 4th Monday four weeks next Monday.

(Ins. top of page 174 by Mr Henry. John Smelson has worked up to 1st Feby 4 days & got a Bill of good of Sunny Speans W Co fer 7 48 worked one day for Mr Snelson 9 Feby).

Wednesday 27th May 1868 Been sewing all day on the coat. It tires me to sew steady gives me a pain in my right side. Till gets only two yds a day very slow weaving.

Thursday 28th Till went home after dinner. She is great to gad about. Mr Henry went to the bottom since dinner. He has to pay a U. S. postage debt this week that is why he had to sell the three best cow. I hated to see them go but the debt had to be paid.

Friday 29th Mr Henry went to town did not get home till evening. No news of importance we are needing rain. The garden is very hard. My poultry is doing very well I have twenty one beautiful young ducks. Mr Henry and the children have dug earth worms for them they are growing finely. My chickens grow very well I have only about thirty young ones. I have wove some to day. Cut out the cloth and put it in another sley my first I only missed one split.

Saturday 30th Willie went fishing in the branch this evening caught a mud turtle he was very proud of it Pinck has been to the mill twice to day fixing his cross bow. Gus split one yesterday and Eddie one to day so it seems he has a time to get one I am afraid he will shoot some of the childrens eyes out. But he is a child and wants something to play with. Mr Henry and Cousin R Love went to town this morning. Cousin Robert

staid here last night.

Sunday 31st Mr Henry and the children have gone to hunt strawberries so I am alone this evening Eddie and Siddie asleep, this has been a warm day but no rain yet. I hope Mr Henry & the children may find some berries and soon come back as I feel lonely. The children have returned found some berries. Mr Henry fixed me a saucer of cream and strawberries. He and I went after the cows.

Monday June 1st Some of Mr Henry's relations spent the day here. Mr and two Mrs O---. The children at school. We had a very heavy rain and some hail. I made a collar for Betsy this evening.

(Ins. at top of page 175 by Mr Henry. R Pick Allen has worked five days up to 1 Feby 1861.)

Tuesday 2nd June 1868 I have wove to day Till quilled for me she came back late Sunday evening. I only got two and a half yds. Mary is picking wool the children came home about three o'clock. Mr Barnes has tooth ache.

Wednesday 3rd I am very tired this evening I have wove three and half yds. Till quilled. Mr Henry out with the hands. No news of importance going on.

Thursday 4th I have only wove two yds to day I took sick this evening over worked myself. Till can finish the cloth tomorrow. She is very indolent. Mary is better for work than her.

Friday 5th I have done some mending. Ellen Hawkins and her sister Adda spent the day here. Mr Henry has some hands at work in the new ground over the creek. He stays with them.

Saturday 6th I have been doubling thread. Till twisted it she got

the cloth out yesterday. Mr Henry out with the hands. I seen an account of Mr Henry's with Rankin & Co. I am astonished at it there has not been twenty dollars spent in the family the bill is $332.50 cts. I have almost lost hope of ever getting out of debt. I get out of heart I try to get along on a mere nothing I spend nothing only for snuff and sugar and coffee. Though I need cloths very badly. Mr Henry put me from time to time. I have not been to church in nearly a year for want of suitable apparrel.

Sunday 7th Pinck and Willie went to Sunday school at Millers meeting house. They came home to dinner Till is visiting some where to day she is great to gad about. Zona Willie and Gussie have gone to church at the Academy. Mr Henry also I suppose. We had some new potatoes to day our first. Zona helped me with dinner. Pinck is reading a Sunday School book. Eddie and Siddie playing. I must stop now and write Ellen Hawkins some copies.

Monday 8th I cut Mr Henry a sack coat and pair pants I sewed some on the coat. Anna Jones came home with the children she brought some paper for me to set her some copies.

Tuesday 9th I finished Mr Henry's coat and went with Mr Henry to get some strawberries. I enjoyed them finely we got enough for some pies they are nice. Till left yesterday with a sore finger.

Wednesday 10th Mrs Night warped Zona's dress. Mary Rollins minded the spools while I cut a coat for Mr Rollins. Gen Vance and Little son took dinner here. Mrs Night is to weave my cloth for wool. Very warm to day. I have done but little to Mr Henry's pants. I helped about putting in the cloth and baked some nice rolls and loaf bread.

Thursday 11th I sewed some on Mr Henry's pants. Mr Henry, Mrs Night,

and I went to get some strawberries. They were scattering but still we got enough to fill our buckets. Mrs Night gets on very well weaving. I have the head ache to night. Gussie has been unwell all day. Worms I think.

Friday 12th I have a slight head ache all day. I finished Mr Henry's pants before dinner. Took a nap after dinner and then cut the children some pants and coats. We are needing rain. The garden is very dry.

Sunday 14th I was in bed nearly all day yesterday with head ache it pained till after breakfast this morning. Betsey came down yesterday evening with Pinck and Gussie she had head ache yesterday evening. Mr Henry went to Mrs Alfords to day. We had some potatoes for dinner. Pinck and Willie went to Sunday School.

Monday 15th Mr Henry went to town this morning as this is court week. Betsey still here, we had our first beans for dinner. We have had a nice shower since dinner. Mary Rollins and Bud are here Mary is very scary about thunder and wind I must stop and finish Gussies pants. I have wrote Anna Jones some copies before dinner.

Tuesday 16th I finished a coat for Willie to day it does not fit neatly. Betsey staid at Wiley Nights last night. She does not like to stay at Mrs Glenns this summer as the fare is not very good. Mr Henry Mr Henry off to town again to day he got me four nice calico dresses and a muslin one also some shoes for Pinck and I and a calico dress for Zona. I needed the dresses badly.

Wednesday 17th I made Willie a pair pants. Gus is very proud of his first gallis breeches. Siddie is very little trouble. Scarcely ever wants to suck. I am weaning him. Mr Henry gone to town again.

Thursday 18th Mr Henry went to town. Till Ashley came back to day she is a poor hand to work. Henry Jones took dinner here. My teeth are sore this evening from washing my feet in cold water last night. I finished Pinck's coats and began Willies other one. No news of importance going on Mrs Night got the cloth out to day. Maria washed.

Friday 19th June 1868 My teeth are very sore a gum bile I think it is swollen down in my throat as I can scarcely swallow. I finished Willies last coat. Mr Henry did not go to town to day. The children came home soon after four this evening. It was dark last night as Pinck wanted to stay to hear the debate.

Saturday 20th My teeth are very sore I did not rest well last night. Suse Muse came after Mary in the night her sister was having fits and thought she would die. I hear she is better this evening I made Eddie a pair pants and took a long nap. I put soem dog fennel and vinager on my jaw and throat it helped it a great deal. Mr Henry took dinner at Mr A. B. Jones. My throat was so sore. I could not eat any dinner scarcely.

Sunday 21st This one of the longest days of the year is very pleasant we have had fire in my room every morning and nearly every night this spring. Pinck and Willie gone to Sunday school Zona does not want to go. Mr Henry and the other children asleep. I must go now and make some custard and coffee for dinner. The custards for Zona. Mr Henry has head ache so the coffee is for him.

Monday 22nd I have made Pinck a pair pants and sewed some on Gussies. The children gone to school. Mr Henry about the farm. George is acting badly about the mill allowances us to ½ bu a day. It worries me no little and no way to help myself.

Tuesday 23rd Finished Willies and Gussies pants. Till picking wool. Mary does the cooking nothing of importance going on. I am very hoarse, cold settles on my lungs of late. I fear that pin injured them.

Thursday 25th I was in bed yesterday all day with my head. It is some better to day. I have finished Eddies pants and sewed some on Zona's dress. Mary Rollins and Mag Presley spent the evening here. Till and Mary finished picking the wool. I put some wool to dye this evening cold dye.

Friday 26th Maria and Till scoured and scalded to day I halped some. My jaw and neck is very sore. Where I blistered it with dog fennel. Zona has not been to school for three days. Has a sore foot now.

Saturday 27th I finished Zona's dress and did other little jobs Till and Mary scoured the spring house and kitchen it looks very neat. We had our first beets to day. Mr Henry about the farm we got some cabbage plants from Eliza's yesterday. Tom Muse has gone for some more to day.

(Ins. by Mr Henry at top of page 178. Mr Snelson is to work the Joe Green field I finding the horse & plowed at the rate of four per acre Snelson to gather the crop I doing the hauling Snelson is to work at 50 cts the day. All fair days when not engaged in the corn crop and is to help in the harvest.)

Sunday 28th June 1868. Mr Henry and I went up in the mountains to see Mrs Alford she is indeed an object of charity. It is some seven miles I am very tired and sore tonight and have the head ache. We got dinner at Mr Neals. I enjoyed it finely. We had the heaviest rain I ever saw last Friday the branch was nearly all over the meadow. We lost part of our milk. It swept the fences generally. Some hail it split the

corn a good deal. Till and Mary both gone Till will not come back to stay any more. She is not a good hand.

Monday 29th Till staid here last night and got breadfast I have had head ache all day but got dinner. Till has gone to hire at Capt Moores. Mary has left me also so now I have no one Zona has been at home to day. Marias children have been here so they helped some. Mr Henry went to town before dinner. Siddie is not well cold I think.

Tuesday 30th My head is nearly well now four o'clock I was so sick this morning I could not finish breakfast Mr Henry and Pinck did the rest. Maria cleaned up and got dinner. Mary Rollins spent the evening here. Till did not get in at Capt Moores. I don't know where she is to day.

Wednesday July 1st I have finished Eddies body and sewed some on Zona's dress. Mary Muse came back yesterday evening. Till staid here last night she has gone to hire at Peter Millers I don't think she wants to do any good. She is very lazy. Zona went to school to day. She does not have a good chance at school as the others as she has to tend to Siddie when I am sick.

Thursday 2nd Till has set in to work with us again she hoed in the garden before dinner. Maria washing to day. I made two fire screens yesterday. One for up stairs the other for the front room they are very nice. I sewed some on Zonas dress. Mr Henry up with Tom Muse he is cutting clover. Very warm and dry.

Friday 3rd Very warm I finished Zonas dress and made her some collars and cuffs I have baked some this evening for the children to take to the celebrations tomorrow at the Miller meeting house.

Saturday 4th The children went to the celebration they were well

pleased. Gen Vance spoke. Till went home after dinner. Mr Henry loaned her Buck I was really vexed about it. I know the horse will not get any thing to eat till he gets home. Very warm needing rain badly. Jacob Starnes wife was killed yesterday evening by a horse she was found dead by a tree. Tis a sad affair.

Sunday 5th Mr Henry went to Mrs Starnes burial I got dinner. Pinck and Willie went to Sandy Bottom before dinner. Mary and Till are to come back this evening. I want to go and see Uncle Sam this evening he got his feet scalded badly a week ago. Very warm. Some thunder about this evening I hope it may rain. I will call Mr Henry to go with me if he has his nap out. He has been asleep sometime.

We went to see Sam his feet are improving some. Some rain about this evening, but we did not get any.

Monday 6th I made Eddie a body and sewed some on his pants Mr Henry about the farm. Nothing of interest going on.

Tuesday 7th Finished Edds pants. Till has been sick all day I don't think there is much the matter only big lazy. I sewed some on Mr Henry's pants.

Wednesday 8th The children at school Zona had rather stay at home. Pinck and Willie never say any thing about it. Pinck did not go yesterday or Monday he was not well. Mrs Barnes assists Mr Barnes now. I finished Mr Henrys pants and helped Mrs Knight warp her cloth.

Thursday 9th This is the first dog day some rain not a season though. I sewed some on my dress. Till helping making fence. Her and Mary rather work out than in.

Friday 10th I finished my dress it does not fit very well I have

lost my patterns. Mr Henry about the farm all day.

Saturday 11th I worked some in the garden this morning it gave me head ache so I have done nothing more all day.

Sunday 12th Very warm. I have had head ache all day it is some better this evening. Mr Henry gone out to walk. Mam Rollins has been sick all week asthma.

Monday 13th I finished Pincks shirt and began Zona a short sack of my brilliant saque it looks very neat. Pinck and Zona want to go to an examination up Homeny Wednesday. Pinck went to school this morning but came back about 9 o'clock with colic he is very subject to it of late.

Tuesday 14th I finished Zonas saque, her and Willie came home about four o'clock this evening. Some of Mr Barnes scholars are going to the examination Pinck did not go to school this morning.

Wednesday 15th Pinck and Zona road the colt they were dressed very neat. Zona wore white. I made her two berage skirts to day some of my old dresses. Willie tended Siddie.

Thursday 16th Some thrashers, thrashing Taylors and Doc Muses wheat. Till had to have Mag Presley to help her get dinner, I thought it very unnecessary they are very easily excited weak in the head I imagine. The children came home about 11. Zona has head ache they enjoyed the trip finely. We try to give them all the pleasure we can. I finished Zona a swiss waist this evening to wear with a skirt. Very warm I have suffered more this summer from warm weather than I have since I have been in Buncombe.

Friday 17th I fixed Zona a waisted skirt of my pointed one she is very proud of her skirt. Mr Henry went to town came home to dinner.

Capt Saunders who died last Saturday is supposed to be poisoned by his wife. They have taken up the body and were examining some witnisess to day. Mr Henry says the evidence so far is strongly against her. I sent Pinck and Willie to the bottom this morning they got 5$. Pinck and Gussie went to town after dinner, got some sugar, coffee, salt, & c they got very wet. We had a light shower. It will do some good. We are needing rain very warm. Oppressively so.

Saturday 18th Mr Henry spent the day in Asheville they are still trying Mrs Saunders. I finished Zona an under waist and did some other jobs made some molasses bread this evening. Tills sister Matt came before dinner. She is more intelligent than Till. Very warm and dry. We will soon have rosting years we have a good garden.

Sunday 19th Very warm. Mrs Glenn spent the day here I had a letter from sister Frank this morning. Her health is not very good. Lena has been unwell but better. The others all well Frank is not coming up this summer has no one to come with her. I am sorry I did hope to see some of my kindred up this summer.

Monday 20th Till left us this morning so I will have a good deal to do till I get another. No news of importance. Mr Henry about the farm. Zona did not go to school this morning. Dollie is helping me to day. She is a gread deal of help. We had some rain yesterday evening and wind that blew fences generally.

Tuesday 21st I have mended some Dollie does most of the work gets beans & c. Siddie is very fretful not well. Zona is at home to day. The Saunders case is still going on. I fear she did poison him from what I hear she must be a bad woman.

Wednesday 22nd Zona has gone to school she did not want to go much Gussie went Monday and yesterday he was well pleased. I cut me a dress sewed some on it. Mr Henry went to town to day came home for dinner.

Thursday 23rd Maria washed to day we had a very heavy rain a several peals of heavy thunder. Mary Rollins and Mag Presley were here they were sadly frightened. I have sewed some on my dress.

Friday 24th Mr Henry went to town. Mr Rollins took a load of lumber. Gussie went with him we had rain this evening. Mr Henry and Gussie late getting home they both came wet. Mr Glenn is here tonight. Maria is dying some wool for me to day. The Saunders case is still going on.

Saturday 25th Began to rain about 9 o'clock has been a steady days rain. Mr Henry and Mr Glenn went to Esq. Thrash's this morning returned to dinner wet. I finished my dress and ironed some. (Apple) Junnie Smith took dinner here he has nearly lost his mind. We had our first rosting years this morning for breakfast. Mr Henry got me two one morning this week he is so kind to me helps me with the cooking O! that I was a better wife to him he is too kind to me he deserved a better woman. The children are a heap of help. They all seem willing to do what they can to help mother.

Sunday 26th July 1868 Another rainy day. It has slacked some now 5 o'clock. A frind of Mr Henry's called to see him to day. Dr Rogers he and Mr Henry studied medicine together twenty years ago that seems a good while. Mr Kerkendol is here also. I am very tired of wet weather I hope it will fair off soon. It is unpleasant cooking as well as anything else in bad weather. I must soon go about supper and then to bed.

Monday 27th Rain again to day I fear it will injure wheat badly

Dr Rogers left this morning. The children did not go to school. They started and it began to rain so we called them back. I have sewed some on my apron and ironed some, faired off this evening.

Tuesday 28th Spent the day at Capt Moors Mrs Barnes baby died yesterday evening. Teething they did not seem to greive much. It is better off. Maria got dinner for me she is going to cook for me awhile at seventy five cts pr week. I will get the supper. Mr Henry does not like for me to cook. Wants to get some one else. The children help a great deal.

Wednesday 29th Pinck and Guss went to the bottom. Betsey came home with them. Mr Henry went to the burial at Sardis. I finished my other apron and began to refill a counterpane it will take me all the week to frill the two. Maria does very well as a cook tries to please.

Thursday 30th I have been at work on the frills. Took a nap before dinner. I don't feel well to day. Betsey and I went to see Ham Rollins this evening he is not well asthma. Mr Henry went to town after dinner to get some sugar and coffee. Got a curry comb and lost it on the way.

Friday 31st We have roasting years twice a day plenty now. Mr Henry went to town this morning came home soon after dinner. Get Betsey and I a coarse comb each. Himself some shoes and some cheese of the Polk factory it is very rich. I finished the counterpane this evening. Mr Henry and Ruff Miller robed a bee gum this evening got a nice lot of honey. Heavy rain about the view this evening the branch up smartly but little here. The children did not get wet. As they were at the saw mill (Mr Jones'). Our June apples are about out we did not have many pears this year.

August 1st Saturday 1868 Betsey and I finished ironing before dinner. I got dinner as Maria is washing for herself to day. Mr Henry went to Sand

Hill before dinner. The neighbors want to build a new Academy there. I hope they may succeed. Mr Henry about the mill after dinner.

Sunday 2nd Cloudy and looks like rain. Betsey left this morning Pinck and Willie went to bring the horses back the other children went home with Maria so I am alone I expect them soon. Mr Henry spoke of going Sardis, as the funerals of Mrs Carolone Jones parents are to preached there to day. I don't know whether he has gone or not. My guinnies hatched yesterday, set just four weeks. Mr Henry and I went to Mary Rollins had a damp walk. We set a turkey on the way.

Monday 3rd I cut and sewed some on Zona a calico dress, very warm to day. No news of note, Mr Henry about the farm. A great deal of wheat has spoiled by wet weather. Mr Henry's oats has suffered some.

Tuesday 4th I finished Zonas dress. It looks very neat. Maria does very well as a cook tries to please I prefer negro to white labor.

Wednesday 5th I cut and made Zona a apron new style it does not fit neatly. Mr Henry has several hands hired about the oats and hay and fixing turnip patches. I hope we may raise some as we have had none in two years.

Thursday 6th Siddie is not at all well teething I think he has fallen off some Mr Henry went to town came home for dinner. No news of importance. I cut and sewed some on a calico dress for myself.

Friday 7th Mr Henry went to town. I sewed some on my dress. Very warm to day the katydids began to hollow last Wednesday night.

Saturday 8th Mr Henry went to Sand Hill the geighbors speak of building a new Academy there. We had a very hard washing rain took fences generally the third rain that has swept fences this summer. I finished

my dress this evening it fits neatly. Siddie is not at all well. Elick sowed some turnips to day.

Sunday 9th Mr Henry Pinck and Zona went to Bethel to an Association a great many people out. Siddies bowels in a bad condition. I have nursed him nearly all day I am uneasy about him. Laura Cannon spent the day with me it has been a long one to me we had supper before dark. I had a letter from Dora yesterday all well. The children are asleep. I must read some in my Bible and then to bed too.

Sunday August 23rd 1868 Two weeks have past since I wrote nothing of interest has happened. Siddie has not been well very fretful but better now. We have had a good deal of rain, our turnips have come up nicely. The mill is not runing now needs some work on it they will get it started Tuesday or Wednesday. Nothing new. A negro (Whaley) died at Jim Moore yesterday a good many have died this summer of typhoid feaver. They have no one to care for them now in sickness. My head aches a good deal to day. Mr Henry got Zona and I some nice hats last week. Zonas is beautiful also a cheap breast pin for Zona. I have been fixing for their examination it comes off next week.

Rained all night last night Mr Henry wants to go to Sandy Bottom after dinner. I would like to go but my head feels too badly. I made me a nice pair of Chamois skin gloves last week they fit very neatly.

Monday 24th Nothing of note going on. Siddie is better than he has been. I have been fixing Zonas clothes for the examination it comes off next week. The children anticipate much pleasure there. Let them enjoy life while they are young and free from care. Trouble will come soon enough.

Tuesday 25th I sewed some on a dress for myself. Very warm with cool

mornings. Rene Muse picking some coloured wool for me.

Wednesday 26th I sewed some on my dress. Mr Henry has gone to work on the road. Left this evening will not be back before Saturday.

Thursday 27th I felt lonely last night without Mr Henry. Laura Cannon staid with me but no one is company to me like he is. I finished my dress. It fits neatly. Zona spent last night with Mary Jones. I missed her.

Friday 28th I have made some collars and cuffs for Katy Night and Nena Cannon. Rene is carding me some bats for a quilt. I must make some this fall.

Saturday 29th I have ironed some and had to give Pinck a whiping for staying at the Mill so long I hate to whip him he is a good child but thoughtless. Zona has a hasty temper I fear it will render her very unhappy in future years. Mr Henry came to night after supper. We were very glad to see him home is not home without him. Some rain to day.

Sunday 30th August 1868 Very warm to day we had our first cabbage for dinner they were very nice. We have had tomattoes for more than a week. The children all at play but Siddie who is a sleep, also Mr Henry. I want to go to negro Johns after some peaches this evening and I promised to write Pinck a composition this evening.

Mr Henry and I started after the peaches got to the bridge it began to rain we took shelter under a tree but got wet before we got back to the mill.

Monday 31st I cut some cloths for Uncle Sams family. Zona did not go to school to day as they only decorate the stage. Mr Henry went to Asheville this morning came home to dinner got Pinck and Willie a hat. I trimmed my hat it looks very neat.

Tuesday Sept 1st Pinck and Willie are highly pleased with their hats. I have been baking all evening for the children. Pinck and Willie staid after school to rehearse their speeches. Mr Henry about the farm. George is not paying up the toll well at all a good deal behind.

Wednesday 2nd Some rain this evening. Zona got damp coming from school. I have been doing odds and ends all day Mr Henry on the road all day. Came home tonight and went with the children to the examination to night. I was anxious to go but it rained.

Thursday 3rd They got home about ten o'clock. Well plessed. I sit up for them. I have sewed some on Lona's pants I intended going to the examination but it rained. Mr Henry on the road again to day. I want to go tonight if it does not rain.

Friday 4th I went to Sand Hill last night enjoyed it finely. Mr Henry wanted me to ride but I rather walk. I soon found I had made a mistake as it was so muddy. Maria staid with the children. Willie did finely won the prize a very pretty little book. Pinck done finely also Zona.

Saturday 5th I finished Hanes and Lona's pants. Pinck went to town after some soda. Mr Henry on the road yesterday and today. There seems to be a good deal of excitement among the negroes. It is reported the negroes have taken Charleston and it is feared will burn it. Oh! the yankees have caused us a heap of trouble and I fear it has only begun.

Sunday 6th Mr Henry and Ruff Miller were out last night to see what they could see and hear there was a big meeting of negroes at Georges, something unusual going on among them. Mr Henry and I took the too least children and spent the day at Sandy Bottoms.

(Insert at top of Page 186 by Mr Henry. Robert Boyd came here the

evening of 15th, worked 16, 17, 18, & 19. Came on Monday 21st done nothing since. Worked one day week ending 9th Febry.)

Monday 7th Mr Henry gone on the road he will be back to night. I want to write some letters to day and cut Mr Henry a shirt the children will be at home for three weeks now. I wrote to Dora a long letter she will be glad to get it i imagine. I cut the shirt but did but little.

Tuesday 8th Tom Neals daughter and son came to day he is going to put in some wheat his daughter is to help do the cooking they furnish their own provision. I sewed some on Mr Henry's shirt sent Pinck with his dinner.

Wednesday 9th I finished one shirt. Mr Henry still on the road will get done that part to day. He comes home every night. I am glad of that. As I feel lonely without him. Though Mr Neals and son and daughter are here Celia Neal and I got dinner as Maria is washing her clothes to day.

Thursday 10th Maria and Kate washing. So Celia and Zona got dinner I sewed some on a shirt of Mr Henry. He is at home to day will go on the road tomorrow.

Friday 11th Mr Henry started soon this morning on the road took three hands from here. Pinck was to take their dinner but went off with Tom Quinn after the cane mill did not get back till near four o'clock.

Saturday 12th Mr Henry sent me some nice peaches by John Hendrix. He said they got their dinner at Mrs Creasmans. Maria at home to day Celia & Zona got most of the dinner. Mr Neal went home this morning. He hurt his back Thursday evening his sone and Celia left this evening. I finished Mr Henry's shirt and did some ironing. Till Morris came last Tuesday. I want to go to see her tomorrow.

Sunday 13th Mr Henry came after supper he was very tired he and I and Eddie have spent the day at Mr Jones Miss Till looks very well. Her baby is sick. Mr Henry started to the road soon after we got home we had a nice watermelon and musk mellon after we came home. Some rain this evening it is rather muddy walking. Mrs Jones wanted to send me home but I rather walk. Zona has gone after Laura Cannon to stay with me tonight I will feel lonely if she can not come as I have never staid with the children alone.

Monday 14th Maria pulling pen fodder so I have the cooking to do Zona and Pinck help a great deal they wash dishes & c. I put in a quilt and got it laid off in diamonds. Pinck and Zona both helped some they done very well for beginers. Laura staid with us last night.
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Tuesday 15th Maria did not get breakfast this morning so it was late as I expected her to get it I think she is getting tired and wants to quit. Mr Henry will be at home tomorrow. I hope. Pinck went to town yesterday got me some tobacco and sugar I have been making my snuff for a month. I do not like it much. We had a very heavy rain yesterday Pinck and Willie were in town at the time.

Wednesday 16th I am getting on finely with my quilt Pinck and Zona help they make long stiches and crooked lines it will learn them and keep them out of mischief. Siddie has got well does not cry so much as he did. Chinquapins are opening some. Willie Gussie and Eddie go every day for some. They get but few.

Thursday 17th Mr Henry came home last night after supper we were very glad to see him he is done for awhile. He was not here for dinner

went to measure some of the road. It has rained every day this week.

Friday 18th I did not quilt any as Mr and Mrs Barnes spent the day here she seems to be very pleasant. Kate helped me get dinner and washed some we had a nice mellon after dinner. Mr Henry about the farm and house.

Saturday 19th I got my quilt out this morning and baked some after dinner. Pinck helped. Mr Henry went to Easterlys shop this morning did not get home till near sundown. Some frost yesterday morning I have not seen any thing niped by it.

Sunday 20th Cool but pleasant in the middle of the day Maria has neuralgia in the face I was up to see her this evening. She is getting better. Some rain this evening. Mr Henry is waiting on me so I must go to bed.

Monday 21st The children and I scoured part of the house before dinner. Mr Neal came back to day brought Nancy instead of Celia she seems to be very pleasant. I got most of the dinner. I spent the evening in arranging the house. Mr Henry about home all day. Glenn Peak came here this evening. No news from So Ca all are well except Pa he has nearly lost the sight of one eye. I am very sorry to hear it.

Tuesday 22nd Miss Tilda spent the day here. Glenn left after dinner. I am out of snuff and I feel right foolish without I wish I had never tasted it. Zona went home with Till. Mr Henry went up the river after a girl to cook since dinner.

Wednesday 23rd The girl came very young. Nancy seems to be willing to help. Maria washed some to day. Mr Henry about the farm Hosea and Doc making molasses. I finished binding my quilt and put another one in Nancy helped. Till Carland carded bats.

Thursday 24th I quilted some. Our Pide cow lost her calf and died to day. I am very sorry I think the hogs did the mischief. She was a very good cow. We need the milk now. And will all winter.

Friday 25th I have been doing up the tallow of the cow and helped get dinner. Till is not at all satisfied I think she will leave when Nancy does. She ironed to day. Mr Henry went to Henderson since dinner to a R. R. meeting. Tomorrow. Newt Taylor came here yesterday evening. He speaks of moving back here. I am no great fancier of Mary's.

Saturday 26th Mr Neals people left this morning. Pinck went for hunting this morning they caught a live fox. Wiley Night has it. Camp meeting began yesterday. Some few tended. Till Carland left this morning she was but little help and very dirty. So I have been busy all day fixing up the tallow. Elick is doing up the soap grease.

Sunday 27th Mr Henry did not come home I felt lonely only the children. But slept very well. I expect him this evening. The children have gathered a quantity of chinquapins and are playing hull gull. Siddie tries to talk. Makes a poor out. I want to write some letters this evening.

Sep 28th 1868 Monday. Mr Neal and Nannie came about dinner. I have been fixing some ods and ends. No news. Maria is cooking she is getting tired I think.

Tuesday 29th I quilted some Elie killed two pigs for the barbacue tomorrow will be a busy day with me. Cooking for the dinner.

Wednesday 30th I am very tired tonight as I have been on my feet all day cooking. Maria Nannie and I have been busy all day. Till Ashley & sister are here tonight. Taylor still here speaks of going home soon.

Thurs 1st I went to the barbacue yesterday a large croud of people

men women and children all the children except Siddie went he staid with Maria some thought there were eight thousand people out. We had a very good speech from Gen Clingman also one from Col Cook and another from Wade of Geo. I did not hear the latter as I was off with Eddie. The colt sceered and threw me backwards I was worse scared than hurt. They had a torch light procession. Mr Henry did not stay to see it he went to town this morning did not return till supper.

Saturday 3rd Dr Candler staid here last night he takes Matts rent wheat to Asheville to day. Mr Henry about the mill rained all day Pinck went to the bottom before dinner and to Asheville after dinner he did not get home till dark. I was uneasy about him.

Sunday 4th Rained nearly all day Tena's funeral was preached at the Academy to day. We did not go. Peep & Till spent the enening here. Star has a young calf.

Monday 5th October 1868 I took two comforts apart I am going to make quilts of them. I pieced one to day the children go to schocl every day. Pinck began Latten this morning. Mr Henry about the farm.

Tuesday 6th Nothing of interest going on Mr Henry went to town to day to get some papers a great deal of excitment about the presidents election. I hope for the best but still fear I made two tops of quilts to day. Pinck does not like lattin much he is a noble boy.

Wednesday 7th I whiped Pinck this evening it hurt me so bad. He caught me round the neck and said Mother you don't love me but I love you. It hurt me so. It was for dissobedience but he is thoughtless it was not done intentionally. I hope I may never have to punish him again he is a very dear child to me.

Thursday 8th I did not rest well last night thinking of the whiping I had given my dear first born. I love him so much. Frost this morning nipped nearly every thing. Siddie not at all well fever all day his gut comes out every time he has a pasage. It has been so since last Sunday. Nannie Neal and I put in a quilt since dinner Kate making soap. Old Nancy washing.

Friday 9th I have quilted to day Siddie some better but it comes out every operation. Celia ironed this evening. Maria gone home to wash.

Saturday 10th I have scoured some Pinck and George Muse did most of the work. Baked some after dinner. I am very tired tonight. Maria at home all day Nannie went home after dinner they are getting on very well with making Molasses. They are tollerable nice. An old man named Pinner is here tonight two men Shuford and Heath were here last night.

Sunday 11th Some rain last night and some this morning. Pinck gone to the bottom. We had our first pumpkin custards for dinner. Siddie not well very fretful. Mr Henry starts to Morganton in the morning to a R. R. meeting I hope we may prosper and yet have plenty.

Monday 12th Mr Henry left this morning. I was sorry to see him go. Home is not home without him to me I quilted some will get it out tomorrow. The children at school. Tom Stradley got his horses leg broke at the bridge below the dam fell off the bridge. I am sorry of it as I fear, Mr Henry will have to pay for it the bridge is too narrow.

Tuesday 13th I finished my quilt and hemed it this evening. Siddie is some better not so cross every time he has an operation his gut ~~protrudes~~ comes out some I fear he will not get over it soon.

Wednesday 14th Mr Neal and Marrie left this evening they are done

here now. Maria went home this evening sick so I will have a hard time of it. The children are very good to help. Pinck helps me Zona minds Siddie and gets the others ready for breakfast.

Thursday 15th We staid by ourselves last night. I was not afraid. John Hendrix and negro Earl are making molasses just back of the garden. So if I get frightened I can call to them. Kate washed for me to day. I have put in a quilt.

Friday 16th I am very tired having been on my feet nearly all day ironing. The children will do most of the work tomorrow. Siddies bowels not loose.

Saturday 17th Mr Henry came home this evening we were all glad to see him Eddie and Siddie almost danced they were so rejoiced Eddie is very affectionate. Comes up in our bed every night he sleeps with Zona on the trundle bed. Pinck, Willie, and Gussie sleep in the side room. Hendrix & Co go down there molasses last night. The children and I baked some pies, custards, and molasses bread. They are a heap of help and then they are so willing to help Mother. I hope they may make as good men as they have children.

Sunday 18th Mr Henry has gone to Mr Cooks to get him to come and made the children's shoes he is going to the bottom before he returns. The children have been gone since twelve hunting chestnuts, it is now three, they have not had their dinner. Siddie and I eat sometime ago. We had a killing frost this morning, for the first heavy one. I will call the children now as I feel lonely. Siddie is playing with a doll I fixed for him while I write. I will have to hunt another blank book when I write again it seems like a peice of foolishness but Mr Henry is

very anxious that I should keep it up so I write to gratify him and then perhaps it may be some pleasure to my children in coming years.

1932 Dec 16 I write this 64 years after my mother write the above. She died on April 3, 1917, 4:30 AM, 81 years. My father died April 8, 4:30 AM, 1900, 77 years. Of the children she had when she wrote this all are dead except Zona and Edmund. She had five other children Kate, James, Arthur, Wade, and the writer Vance Henry. I will be 56 years old on Feb 16, 1933. Wade was youngest. Wade and Arthur dead. I hope the space below will be filled out 64 years from now by our Henry Boy who may be living at that far distant day.

I have two children William 19 and Marrion 17.

This last entry for Dec. 16, 1932, was made by Vance Henry the son of William Lewis Henry.

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